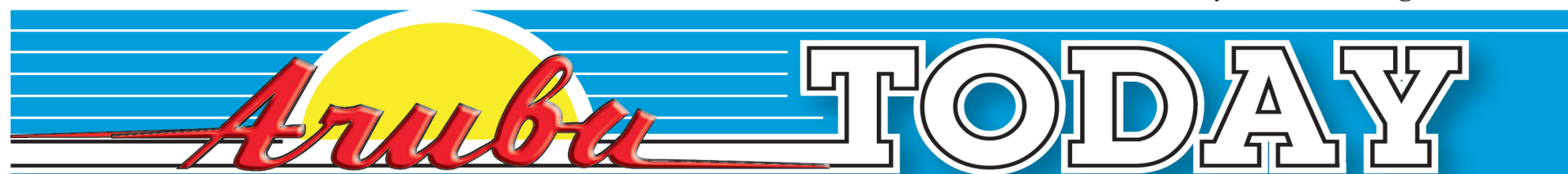


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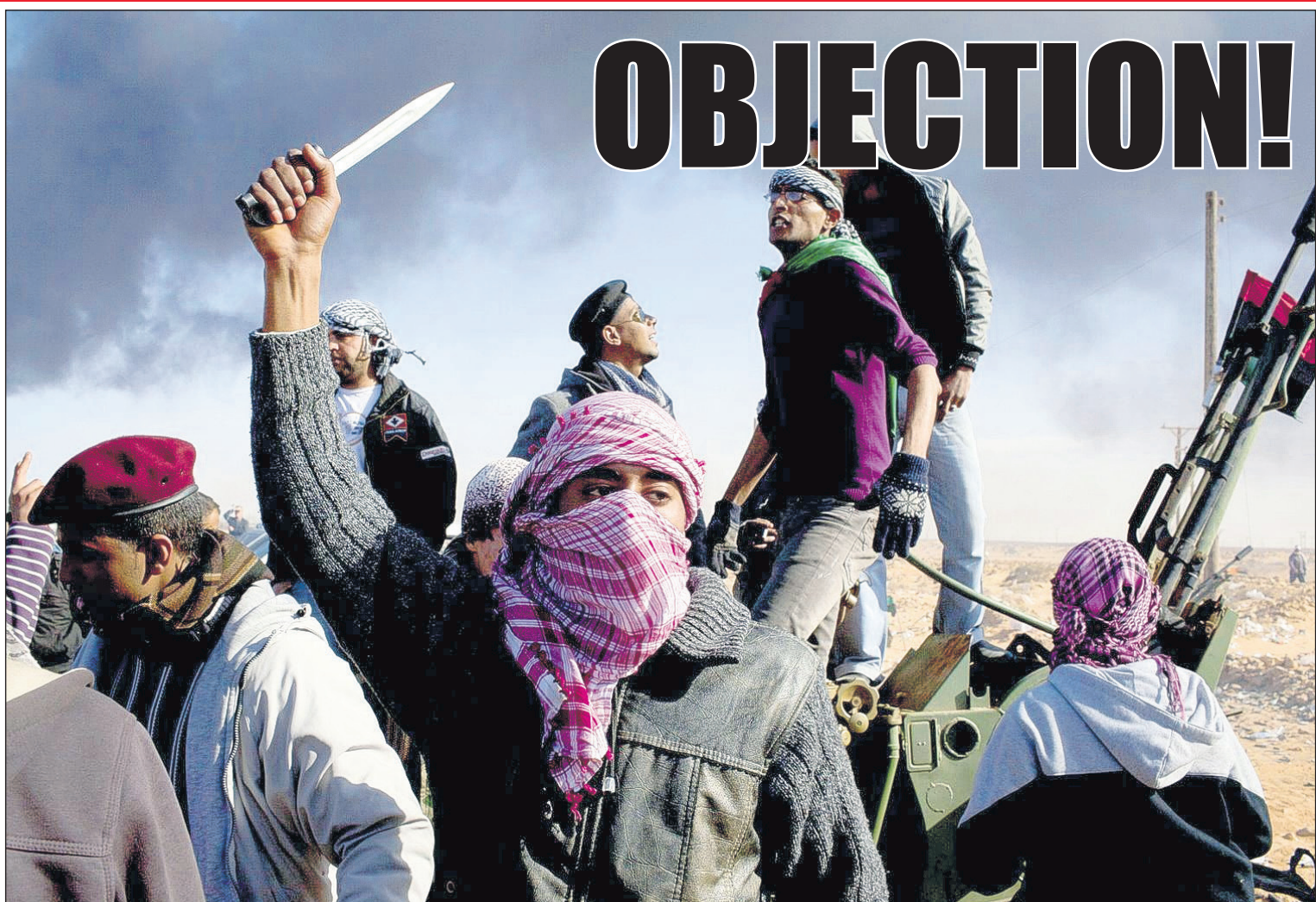
## Bombing of Iraq's largest oil refinery

By JACK HEALY

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**BAGHDAD** — Iraq's largest oil refinery was crippled by a predawn attack Saturday in which gunmen stormed the vast complex, killed one engineer and set off several bombs. The attack shut down parts of the Baiji Refinery, halting the production of about 150,000 barrels per day of petroleum products and threatening to interrupt supplies of heating oil, gasoline and oil for generators for millions of people in northern Iraq.

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Opposition fighters react after an air strike by a jet suspected of being loyal to Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi, near a major oil refinery in Ras Lanuf, Libya. After a major assault by forces loyal Gadhafi, most of the rebel fighters who had gathered at the refinery jumped in cars and trucks and beat a hasty retreat up the coastal highway in the direction of the opposition-held city of Brega.

(Tyler Hicks/The New York Times)

## China loudly objects to airstrikes in Libya

By ANDREW JACOBS

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**BEIJING** — China escalated its opposition to U.S.-led airstrikes on Libya on Tuesday, joining Russia and India in calls for an immediate cease-fire and suggesting that coalition forces were imperiling civilians by exceeding the U.N.-mandated no-fly zone. The rising criticism among the so-called BRIC group — Brazil, Russia, India and China — came amid allegations by the Libyan government that allied bombings had killed or wounded scores of civilians, a claim rejected by U.S. military officials.

On Monday, hours after the departure of President Barack Obama, Brazil's government issued a statement condemn-

ing the attacks and urging "the start of dialogue."

China's response to the allied campaign has been the most forceful, with warnings that the assault could bring about a "humanitarian disaster." In a regular news briefing on Tuesday, Jiang Yu, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, called for an end to hostilities. "We've seen reports that the use of armed force is causing civilian casualties, and we oppose the wanton use of armed force leading to more civilian casualties," she said.

China, long an opponent of foreign military intervention, was one of five countries to abstain from the U.N. resolution that authorized the allied airstrikes against the forces of Moammar Gadhafi, which

have been seeking to crush a rebellion against his four-decade rule.

Russia, Brazil, India and Germany also abstained, while South Africa joined nine other Security Council members in supporting the resolution approved last week.

In its decision to abstain rather than block the resolution through its veto power, China said it was heeding the wishes of the Arab League and the African Union, which supported the imposition of the no-fly zone. During a meeting with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates on Tuesday, Russia's defense minister, Anatoly Serdyukov, added his voice to those calling for a cease-fire, saying it was the best way to avoid civilian ca-

sualties, according to The Associated Press.

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## Refinery

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Oil Ministry officials were just beginning to investigate the extent of the damage on Saturday, and the acting manager of the refinery said he feared it would take months to repair the pipelines, cables, furnaces and other equipment damaged by the explosions and fires. "This will create a crisis," said Abud al-Kadir Salih, the acting manager of the refinery, which is about 100 miles north of Baghdad. "It will affect consumers of fuel from factories to power plants, and people in daily need. It will be very hard to cover the shortfall." The attack was the second one by insurgents this month on Iraq's all-important oil sector, which supplies about 90 percent of government revenues in a country whose economy is still reeling from years of war and insurgency. The bombing — carried out by just two gunmen, according to refinery officials — raised questions about the security of Iraq's sometimes antiquated oil facilities, which have long been a target for insurgent bombings. "It's a target — a big target," said Ahmed al-Shamma, under secretary of the Oil Ministry. "It's very difficult

to get into this refinery. They must have had some help." Security officials blamed the insurgent group al-Qaida in Mesopotamia. The Oil Ministry called the assault part of a "terrorist plan" to undermine the ministry's ability to deliver oil products to Iraqis, who spend hours waiting in line for diesel and gasoline, despite living atop an ocean of oil. According to officials from the refinery and the provincial government, men armed with pistols with noise suppressors broke into the refinery around 4:30 a.m. and attacked the few security guards and engineers who had been working overnight. The attackers then set off several bombs, sending jets of flame pouring from pipes and plumes of smoke billowing into the sky. It took 50 fire trucks more than five hours to contain the blaze, Reuters reported. In addition to the engineer who was killed, three people were wounded, at least one of them critically. After the U.S. invasion in 2003, millions of dollars in fuel from the Baiji refinery was funneled onto the black market, some of it into the hands of militants. In 2008, a U.S. captain stationed at Baiji called the illegal flow of oil the "money pit of the insurgency." □



Ali Suleiman Aujali, who recently resigned as Libya's ambassador to the United States, at the National Press Club in Washington, March 18, 2011. Aujali is part of an extraordinary wave of sudden ex-diplomats from Libya and Yemen who, depending on one's point of view, are exhibiting uncommon courage or a savvy instinct for self-preservation.

(Philip Scott Andrews/*The New York Times*)

## Airstrikes

*Continued from Front page*

On Monday, Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin was unsparing in his criticism, comparing the allied campaign against Libya to the invasion of Iraq and likening it to a "medieval call for a crusade." In a rare expression of dissent between the country's two leaders, President Dmitry A.

Medvedev later criticized the remarks as unacceptable.

On Tuesday, Indian officials joined those calling for a cease-fire. Pranab Mukherjee, the country's finance minister and a leader of the lower house of Parliament, told lawmakers that the coalition had no right to oust the ruler of a sovereign nation. "What is happening in a country, within their internal affairs, no exter-

nal powers should interfere in it," he said.

The Turkish prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said Tuesday that Turkey supported providing humanitarian aid to Libya but that it would "never be the party that points weapons at the Libyan people." Turkey, the only Muslim member of NATO, had opposed an alliance plan for the no-fly zone. □

## France wants body outside NATO to head Libya fight

PARIS — France proposed on Tuesday a new political steering committee outside NATO to be responsible for overseeing military operations over Libya.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said the new body will bring together foreign ministers of participating states such as Britain, France and the United States as well as the Arab League.

It is expected to meet in the coming days, either in Brussels, London or Paris, Juppe said.

Juppe said not all members of the military coalition are members of NATO but the coalition would use the military alliance's planning and intervention capabilities.

"For us, the intervention is firstly an operation wanted by the United Nations. It is run by a coalition of member-states, all of whom are not members of the North At-



Protester sits during anti-Gaddafi demonstration

lantic Treaty Organization," Juppe said. "This is, therefore, not a NATO operation, even if it must be able to rely on military planning and intervention capacities of the Alliance."

Not all NATO members are in favor of the no-fly zone and airstrikes against Libya. President Nicolas Sarkozy proposed the new body and Britain agreed to it, Juppe

said.

Paris and London pressed early on for a no-fly zone to protect Libyan civilians from attacks by the forces of Moammar Gadhafi. France also hosted a summit Saturday of nations participating in the coalition just ahead of the first bombing runs in this North African country by French fighter jets. □

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## U.S. faces test on nuclear



Energy Secretary Steven Chu

By Timothy Gardner  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — At first glance Energy Secretary Steven Chu's career highlights read like a dream candidate's resume for the job of managing a backlash against nuclear power following the crisis in Japan: He's arguably better placed to address the technical issues facing the industry than anyone who has ever held the post, which, for instance, under President Ronald Reagan included a former dentist.

And Chu has proven he can take initiative during a crisis. During last year's BP spill, he embedded himself at the company's Houston headquarters, spotting problems and identifying fixes. Weeks into that job, and with no oil experience, Chu was being asked by BP experts what to do.

But one important qualification may be missing: Proven ability to make the American people feel safe from nuclear disaster.

"Chu has the scientific side of nuclear, in which he is trying to understand how the technology works, what the risks are, and perhaps how to make it better," said David Pumphrey of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a former Energy Department official.

But, when it comes to nuclear, which unlike oil drilling is spread over the country and has long-term waste issues, technical ability may not be enough to keep Americans on side. Japan's struggles to prevent quake-hit nuclear reactors from melting down has dealt the United States its toughest test on atomic energy since the 1979 accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania, the worst in U.S. history. Already politicians and anti-nuclear activists in New York and California have demanded that reactors near population centers and fault lines must be shut, or at least not relicensed.

Chu has tried to assure lawmakers that computer models can target risks to plants of dual events like earthquakes and tsunamis. "This is one of the tools we think that can be used to make any system we have, including nuclear reactors, safer," Chu said last week at a hearing on Capitol Hill.

But, even if U.S. plants can be shown that they are safer than the Fukushima nuclear complex in Japan, more than those kind of assurances may be needed to keep the U.S. nuclear power industry growing. A majority of Americans support a moratorium on new nu-

clear reactor construction, if the country were able to meet its energy demand through increased efficiency and renewable sources such as wind and solar, according to a poll released on Tuesday by ORC International for the Civil Society Institute, a think tank.

"One of the problems with the kind of reactions the general public has to nuclear power is very often they are not based on evidence, but feelings," said William Phillips, a professor at the University of Maryland who shared the Nobel Prize with Chu for their work in laser cooling of atoms. Nuclear Regulatory Commission chief Gregory Jaczko will need to take the lead on the Obama administration's response to ensuring safety at U.S. reactors.

But it's Chu who faces making the case for new nuclear plants even after the Japan crisis as the country's power plants age, and as emissions from coal plants are blamed for warming the planet and having health risks of their own, and for energy security. His agency remains committed to seeking an additional \$36 billion in loan guarantees from Congress for plant construction, on top of an existing \$18.5 billion. Operators say without the aid it would be impossible to finance new reactors in the United States -- even before factoring in potentially higher costs after Fukushima.

It is a tough job for anyone. Not one new nuclear plant has been approved by U.S. regulators, from the initial design plans to the final construction license, since Three Mile Island. And the Japan crisis could add more costs to new plants. □

*In Japan*

## Missing Virginia teacher's body located in disaster



English Teacher Taylor Anderson

By ZINIE CHEN SAMPSON  
Associated Press

**RICHMOND, Va.** — A Virginia couple is mourning the death of their daughter after learning that her body was found in disaster-ravaged Japan, where she had been teaching English.

Taylor Anderson, 24, could be the first known American victim in the Japan disaster as authorities continue the daunting task of finding and identifying almost 13,000 people believed to be missing. Anderson's family said in a statement that the U.S. Embassy in Japan called them Monday to tell them she was found in Ishinomaki, a city about 240 miles north of Tokyo.

Officials with U.S. Embassy in Japan and the State Department could not immediately confirm whether she was the first known U.S. victim in Japan. Another 25-year-old man is presumed dead after being swept into the ocean March 11 by a swell from the tsunami on the northern California coast. "We would like to thank all those whose prayers and support have carried us through this crisis," said Andy and Jean Anderson, who live in Chesterfield County south of Richmond. "Please continue to pray for all who remain missing and for the people of Japan. We ask that that you respect our privacy during this hard time." Jean Anderson said her daughter was last seen after the earthquake riding her bike away from an Ishinomaki elementary school after making sure parents picked up their children. A tsunami struck shortly after the earthquake, completely wiping out homes and other structures. Friends and relatives used Facebook and other social networks to spread the word about the search for Taylor. Officials first told the family last Tuesday that their daughter had been located, but the Andersons learned that night that the information was incorrect. Taylor Anderson had a lifelong love of Japan and began studying the language in middle school. She moved overseas after graduating from Randolph-Macon College in 2008 to teach in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme. She taught in eight schools in Ishinomaki, in the Miyagi prefecture on Japan's northeast coast. □



## Law enforcement deaths rising quickly



Funeral of a police officer

By Jeremy Pelofsky  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Law enforcement officers are being killed at an alarming rate, Attorney General Eric Holder said on Tuesday, adding that options are being explored to address the violence including seeking new gun control laws. Before meeting with state and local police chiefs and representatives of federal law enforcement agencies, Holder said 48 officers have died during the first three months of 2011, a 17 percent increase over 2010. Of those, 23 were killed by gunfire, a 53 percent jump.

Last year “really marked the deadliest year for law enforcement in nearly two decades,” Holder said, noting there were 162 officers killed in 2010. “That’s obviously very worrisome. This year we’re unfortunately on track to exceed the numbers we saw last year.” He said he has ordered Justice Department officials around the country to meet with law enforcement authorities to discuss ways to address the issue, like federal programs that provide grants to buy bulletproof vests. That new effort comes just days after President Barack Obama sought to open a new debate on preventing

gun violence like the shooting rampage in Arizona in January that killed six people and gravely wounded Democratic Representative Gabrielle Giffords. In addition to the death of state and local police officers so far this year, two deputy Marshals were killed in the span of three weeks while trying to serve arrest warrants, the first deaths for that agency since 1992. At the same time, Obama noted that most gun owners “are responsible citizens” and he called on both sides of the gun control debate to participate in the discussions rather than use the issue to engage in political grandstanding. The National Rifle Association (NRA), one of the most powerful lobbying organizations, quickly rejected the idea of meetings with the Obama administration and has urged that the focus be on keeping guns out of the hands of unstable people. Holder sparked a stir weeks after taking office in 2009 when he urged that a ban on assault weapons be reinstituted. He has not mentioned the idea since then and the chances of gun control legislation passing before 2013 are likely slim because Republicans who largely oppose broad gun restrictions control the House of Representatives. □

## Japan quake serves as reminder for California



New Bay Bridge

By JASON DEAREN  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. – The devastating earthquake in Japan has served as a painful reminder of the fact that California has struggled on a number of fronts to protect the state from the next big one, namely when it comes to bolstering at-risk buildings. California’s five-year-old program for helping cash-strapped public schools seismically retrofit their most vulnerable buildings has so far disbursed only a tiny portion of the \$200 million set aside under the effort. The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, damaged in the 1989 earthquake, still hasn’t been replaced. Thousands of old hospitals and apartment buildings remain despite being at serious risk in a quake.

“Everybody owns risk if you live in earthquake country,” said David Bonowitz, a structural engineer. “And individuals have to be responsible for their own risks just like public policymakers and city officials have their own responsibilities.” Since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in San Francisco Bay area and the 1994 Northridge temblor near Los Angeles, billions of dollars have been spent on retrofitting thousands of unreinforced brick buildings, roads, bridges and university buildings. Still, experts say thousands of potentially dangerous concrete school buildings, high-rise apartments and hospitals that were built before California changed its building code in 1976 have not even been identified. □

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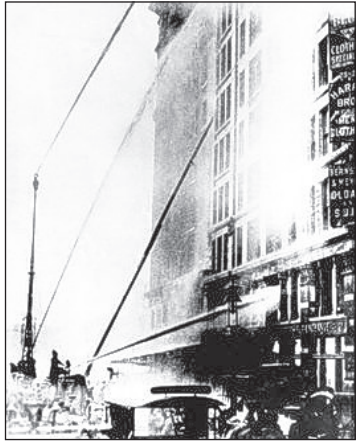
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# 100 years after Triangle Fire, horror resonates



Firefighters work to put out fire

By KAREN MATTHEWS  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a warm spring Saturday when dozens of immigrant girls and women leapt to their deaths some with their clothes on fire, some holding hands as horrified onlookers watched the Triangle Shirtwaist factory burn. The March 25, 1911, fire that killed 146 workers became a touchstone for the organized labor movement, spurred laws that required fire drills and shed light on the lives of young immigrant workers near the turn of the century. The 100th anniversary comes as public workers in Wisconsin, Ohio and elsewhere protest efforts to limit collective bargaining rights in response to state budget woes. Labor leaders and others say one need only look to the Triangle fire to see why unions are crucial. "This is a story that needs to be told and re-told," said Cecilia Rubino, the writer-director of "From the Fire," an oratorio inspired by the Triangle fire. "We don't have that many moments in our history where you see so clearly the gears of history shift." To mark the centennial, hundreds of theatrical performances, museum exhibits, lectures, poetry readings, ral-

lies and panel discussions are taking place nationwide. Two documentaries have aired on TV; PBS' "Triangle Fire" premiered Feb. 28 and HBO's "Triangle: Remembering the Fire" on Monday. Descendants of victims and survivors of the fire will gather Friday for a procession to the site in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. The building now houses New York University classrooms and labs.

Suzanne Pred Bass, a Manhattan psychotherapist and theater producer, is the great-niece of Katie Weiner, who survived the Triangle fire, and of Rose Weiner, who did not. Bass ticked off the reasons why people remain fascinated by the Triangle fire after 100 years. "It's the youth of these women," she said. "It's the tragedy, it's the changes it spawned and it's the immigrant experience."

The fire started at end of the workday and raced from the eighth floor to the ninth and 10th. As hundreds of workers mainly Jewish and Italian immigrant women and girls, the youngest 14 tried to escape, they found a crucial door apparently locked. "They were panic-stricken," said Eileen Nevitt, whose grandmother Annie Sprinsock survived. "It was hellacious, and they ran for their lives the best they could." Firefighters rushed to the scene and raised their ladders, which reached only to the sixth floor.

The fire was under control in 18 minutes too late. At the trial later that year of Triangle owners Max Blanck and Isaac Harris on manslaughter charges, survivors testified that their escape had been blocked by a locked door on the ninth floor. □

Killing day care children

# Woman charged in Texas fire

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A woman who was an international fugitive for nearly a month after a fire at her Houston home day care center killed four children returned to Texas on Tuesday ahead of her first court appearance. Jessica Tata is being held without bond in a Houston jail, said agency spokesman Alfredo Perez.

"We're very glad that it worked out as smoothly as it did," Perez said of Tata's return to the U.S. Tata was set to be arraigned afternoon in state district court on 14 charges, including man-



Jessica Tata

slaughter. The Feb. 24 blaze also injured three other children in her care. Court records did not show Tata had an attorney. Her brother, Ron Tata, did not im-

mediately return a telephone call on Tuesday.

Investigators say Tata went shopping and left the seven children alone. When she returned, a stove-top burner had ignited the blaze. The 22-year-old day care operator, who has U.S. and Nigerian citizenship, fled to the West Africa country two days after the fire. The U.S. Marshals Service, which headed the search for Tata, said a series of tips and other information helped Interpol agents to capture her on Saturday. Her family says she turned herself in. Tata was returned to the U.S. early Monday morning. □



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## Screams fill 911 calls after fatal crash



Rescue workers attend to injured children

By MEG KINNARD  
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Witnesses to the weekend wreck of a children's train ride that killed one boy flooded authorities with 911 calls pleading for help while describing

a bloody, chaotic scene, audio recordings released Tuesday showed.

"Hurry. There's a whole bunch," one caller said in the audio, obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act. "One

kid's leg almost tore off. One kid's not breathing."

"The train fell off the bridge, and there were a bunch of little kids on it," another called said. "It's a bloody mess," said another. The callers were reporting scenes from Spartanburg's Cleveland Park, where a nearly 60-year-old train went off its tracks Saturday and toppled off a bridge, killing 6-year-old passenger Benji Easler and injuring 28 others. Injuries ranged from bumps and bruises to broken bones and some of the children were carried off in stretchers. In one call, a woman describes a boy turning blue while two people perform CPR.

On Tuesday, the mother of the man driving that train told The Associated Press her son is distraught over the death of a 6-year-old boy in the wreck, the man's mother told AP Tuesday.

"I don't think this has hit Matt yet," Virginia Conrad said by telephone from her home in Winnsboro of her son, 42-year-old Matt Conrad. □

*In New Jersey*

## Parents of teen suicide want privacy charges prosecuted



Rutgers University freshmen

By Ronda Kaysen  
Associated Press

MONTCLAIR, New Jersey — The parents of a college student who killed himself after his sexual encounter was shown online do not hold his former roommate criminally responsible for the death but do want him prosecuted for invading their son's privacy, their attorney said on Tuesday. Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi, 18, who leaped off the George Wash-

ington Bridge last fall, was the victim of a crime, not merely a "college prank," Jane and Joseph Clementi said in a statement through their attorney. Last September, his former roommate Dharun Ravi allegedly set up a webcam in the dorm room he shared with Clementi and streamed a live video online of Clementi in a romantic tryst with another man. Clementi killed himself a few days later.

Ravi and Molly Wei, another student allegedly involved in the incident, withdrew from Rutgers. They are charged with two counts of invasion of privacy one is a fourth-degree charge with a possible sentence of 18 months in jail and a more serious third-degree charge of transmitting or distributing images that carries a maximum five-year prison term. Although there is a possibility of prison, judges have wide latitude in such cases, especially for first-time offenders, making incarceration less likely.

The Clementis "do not seek to hold (Ravi) criminally responsible for Tyler's suicide," attorney Paul Mainardi said in an email. □

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**ORANJESTAD** - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) is very satisfied that the employees of the airport are attending the Airside Safety Week on a big scale and showing much interest for the interesting and relevant lectures that are given. Amongst some of the topics we can mention “The Key to Managing Safety” given by Mr. Roy Mezas, “Ramp Safety” given by Mr. Julio Aponte and more. The goal of the lectures is to assure that the airport maintains an acceptable level of safety on the apron according to ICAO’s standards. Airside Safety Week is organized once yearly by AAA to-



gether with the Airside Safety Council which is represented by different companies (for example airlines/fuel company) that provides service to its client(s) on the airside of the airport. All the stakeholders have the same goal: give ser-

vice to its clients, but always maintaining the safety aspect on the airside as the priority. Mr. Eric Martijn, Head Airside Safety Management is happy to inform that the participation of the airport community in the preparations

for the Airside Safety Week was very positive and at the same time thanks them for their efforts shown to make the 6th edition of the Airside Safety Week so successful. On the picture you can see all the employees who went on

a tour on the runway where they were informed of various important aspects of the runway. The picture shows the big interest that reigns under the employees that actively participate in the Airside Safety Week 2011. □



# Team of the fourth quarter feted at Renaissance



ORANJESTAD – During the last three months of the year, October, November & December a great number of Renaissance employees distinguished themselves by working harder and going the extra mil. These high achievers were recognized during a special luncheon organized in their honor at the Renaissance Convention Center. The festive recognition was paired with sumptuous lunch and was well attended by all nominees for Team of the Fourth Quarter and members of resort management. The award ceremony was affected by General manager Paul Gielen who took the time to thank each member of the Team of the Fourth Quarter for their valuable contributions to the success of his resort operations. The four winning team members included Marguerite Antoine, Kitchen Cook, nominated by Executive Chef Michael Gomez, Marianella Cortez, Banquet Waitress, nominated by Angela Hagedoorn, Supervisor Juana Martinez, Aquarius, nominated by Olmedo Arango, and the Manager of the Fourth Quarter Mariska Geerman, from DTS, nominated by Manager Al Trivedi. □



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# Salt & Pepper goes for the world record shakers



**ARAWAK GARDEN** - Salt & Pepper Restaurant in the Arawak Gardens is on a mission: they want a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records for holding the largest collection of salt and pepper shakers. They are on the right track with more than 1250, but there is still a long, long way to go. The world record is currently in the hands of 70-year old Dorena Young from Wallsburg, Utah; she has 3,650 shakers lining all the rooms in her home. The shakers have been displayed according to themes: in the kitchen there are fruit-, vegetable- and chef's hats-shakers, while the living room features sports-themed shakers and animals like pheasants and deer. Dorena's bathroom is filled with creatures of the sea like seahorses and shells,

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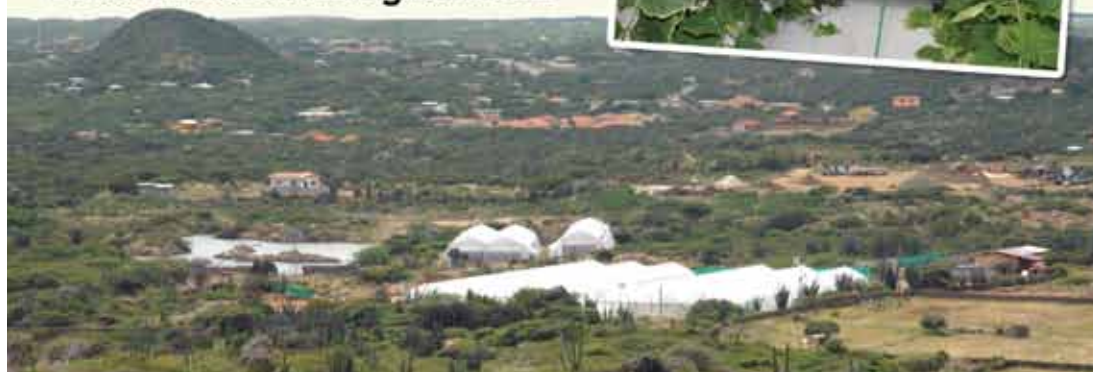
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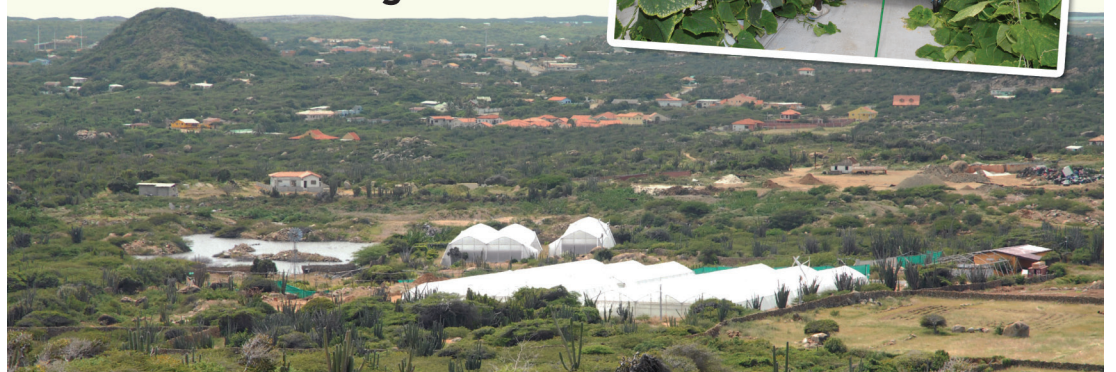
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# Crystal & Seaport Casino team of the fourth quarter applauded



**ORANJESTAD** – In a recent award ceremony held at the Renaissance Convention Center the Crystal & Seaport Casino Team of the Fourth Quarter was named and then recognized with engraved plaques, certificates of distinction and other gifts. Casino Manager Edgard Roos helped conduct the celebration as Heart of the House representative Danilo Boelhoudt, Bartender, Crystal Casino, nominated by Benjamin Esguerra, joined Owen Tromp, Host Attendant, and Amparo Mantilla, Host Supervisor, Crystal Casino,

both nominated by Orlando Vrolijk, to form the winning Team of the Fourth Quarter of 2010. Also nominated from the Front of the House, Alline Horne, Security, Crystal Casino, Federico Christiaans, Security, Seaport Casino and Jorgen Velasquez, Dealer Crystal Casino along with Floor Supervisor Micheal Maduro, Crystal Casino. Team of the last quarter was also eligible to compete for the Team of the Year title, the top recognition program, for both heart-of-town casinos. □

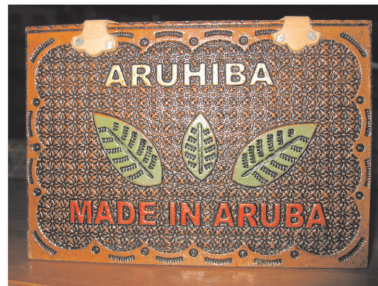
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# US jet crashes in Libya; fighting rages in cities

By RYAN LUCAS  
Associated Press

**BU MARIEM, Libya** — An American fighter jet crashed in Libya's rebel held east, both crew ejecting safely as the aircraft spun from the sky during the third night of the U.S. and European air campaign. Moammar Gadhafi's forces shelled rebels regrouping in the dunes outside a key eastern city on Tuesday, and his snipers and tanks roamed the last major opposition-held city in the west.

The crash was the first major loss for the U.S. and European military air campaign, which over three nights appears to have hobbled Gadhafi's air defenses and artillery and rescued the rebels from impending defeat. But the opposition force, with more enthusiasm than discipline, has struggled to exploit the gains. The international

alliance, too, has shown fractures as officials struggle to articulate an endgame. China and Russia, which abstained from the U.N. Security Council vote authorizing the international intervention, called for a cease-fire Tuesday, after a night when international strikes hit Tripoli, destroying a military seaport in the capital. The U.S. Air Force F-15E came down in field of winter wheat and thistles outside the town of Bu Mariem, about 24 miles east of the rebel capital of Benghazi.

By Tuesday afternoon, the plane's body was mostly burned to ash, with only the wings and tail fins intact. U.S. officials say both crewmembers were safe in American hands. "I saw the plane spinning round and round as it came down," said Mahdi el-Amruni, who rushed to the crash site with other villagers.



Libyans stand on wreckage of US F15 fighter jet

"It was in flames. They died away, then it burst in to flames again." One of the pilots parachuted into a rocky field and hid in a sheep pen on Hamid Moussa el-Amruni's family farm.

"We didn't think it was an American plane. We thought it was a Gadhafi plane. We started calling out to the pilot, but we only speak Arabic. We looked for him and found the parachute. A villager came who spoke English and he called out 'we are here, we are

with the rebels' and then the man came out," Hamid Moussa el-Amruni said.

The pilot left in a car with the Benghazi national council, taking with him the water and juice the family provided. They kept his helmet and the parachute. A second plane strafed the field where the pilot went down. Hamid Moussa el-Amruni himself was shot, suffered shrapnel wounds in his leg and back, but he could still walk. He used an old broomstick as a crutch and

said he held no grudge, believing it was an accident.

He said the second crew member came down in a different field and was picked up by a helicopter, an account that coincided with the U.S. explanation of the rescue.

The U.S. Africa Command said both crewmembers were in American hands with minor injuries after what was believed to be a mechanical failure. Most of eastern Libya, where the plane crashed, is in rebel hands but the force has struggled to take advantage of the gains from the international air campaign.

Ajdabiya, city of 140,000 that is the gateway to the east, has been under siege for a week. Outside the city, a ragtag band of hundreds of fighters milled about on Tuesday, clutching mortars, grenades and assault rifles. Some wore khaki fatigues. □

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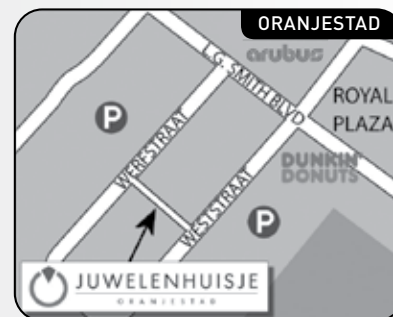
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## Over 'human shields' report CNN correspondent slams Fox

By Michael Calderone  
Associated Press

CNN senior international correspondent Nic Robertson blasted Fox News on Monday for its report that Libyan authorities used him and other journalists as "human shields" in order to prevent an attack on Muammar Gadhafi's compound in Tripoli the night before. Robertson said Fox News' "allegation is outrageous and it's absolutely hypocritical."

"You know, when you come to somewhere like Libya, you expect lies and deceit from the dictatorship here," Robertson said. "You don't expect it from the other journalists." You can watch Robertson's reply on CNN's "The Situation Room"

For weeks, the Gadhafi government has brought foreign journalists invited to Tripoli to government-approved sites while detaining and even beating foreign journalists who re-



Nic Robertson blasted Fox News

port from non-sanctioned areas in Libya. "When we go on these government trips, it's for a very simple reason because we don't want government officials to film it themselves, edit it themselves and then hand it off to us," Robertson said. "We want to go for ourselves. We want to go and see, is it a command and control system?" Robertson said Fox News was being "hypocritical" because the network sent a non-editorial staffer with a camera on the trip, along with about 40 other journalists.

Fox News correspondent Jennifer Griffin called in to "On the Record" Monday night to defend her report, which was based off information she received from British sources. "They felt that the civilians and journalists had effectively been used as human shields and that was frustrating to them," Griffin said, according to TVNewser. "It was a very close call. In fact one official told me that there was a AP crew literally on a spot where they were going to drop a missile." □

## Obama taking heat from all sides for Libya action

By Jim O'Sullivan  
Associated Press

President Obama's decision to send American warplanes into Libya opened the nation's third military theater in the Middle East and quickly cast the administration onto more battlegrounds at home.

Three days into the first war he's helped to start, Obama finds himself in an increasingly familiar position in relation to the Congress: detached, under fire, and going it largely alone.

American liberals who gravitated to Obama because he was the most plausible anti-war candidate broke sharply with him this weekend for projecting U.S. force into a corner of the world where it's traditionally unwelcome, humanitarian intervention doctrine be damned. Even some congressional Democrats who voted for the Iraq invasion call the Libyan venture "gratuitous" and question Obama's stand-



President Barack Obama

ing. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, on Monday called the U.S. involvement in Libya an "impeachable offense." Capitol Hill Republicans, divided for weeks about how to handle Libya, are casting an array of aspersions on Obama's decision; he's been too slow, hasn't adequately consulted Congress, has not developed a clear exit strategy, and not much of an entrance strategy either. □

## Is Japan's bureaucracy strangling humanitarian Aid?

By HANNAH BEECH  
Associated Press

By 9:30 in the morning on March 22, the emergency shelter at the Saitama Super Arena stadium, just north of Tokyo, had reached its maximum capacity of 500 volunteers.

The other 1,500 do-gooders wanting to help displaced people from Futaba, the town closest to ground zero of the quake and tsunami damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, were turned away by volunteers holding hand-printed cardboard signs that said "We are sorry, but we cannot take any more volunteers. Please try again tomorrow."

Inside the Saitama Super Arena, which normally hosts rock concerts, some 5,000 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear refugees, including those displaced from Futaba, are trying to carve out a normal routine from their makeshift homes composed of squares of blankets and mats. There to help them are the volunteers, who

hand out free bananas, blankets, diapers, toys and other necessities for people who escaped with little more than the clothes on their backs. Some volunteers hold signs presenting complimentary daycare services, while others offer free shampoos, blow-dries and shaves at local beauty parlors. "It's the least I can do," says Hideyuki Tanaka, a stylist with blond-dyed hair standing with a sign offering free salon services. "I don't have any other skills except for this, so I thought I could make this small contribution." By noon, some 60 evacuees had taken advantage of free services at his Maggie Friends beauty salon.

The Saitama emergency shelter is a model of organization and good will, masking-tape arrows pointing the way to the bath line or the food line or the clothing line. Bowing, smiling volunteers shepherd dazed-looking evacuees from one line to the other. But in northeastern Japan, where an estimated 21,000 are dead or



Evacuee mother receives emergency food aid

missing and another 350,000 homeless as of March 22, the country's labyrinthine bureaucracy has seriously hampered efforts to deliver aid. Some shelters still have no heat, while others are rationing rice balls. In a country that prides itself on efficiency, the fact that 11 days after the quake, displaced people are still hungry and, even if they have cars, cannot go get food because of a shortage of fuel is a shocking turn of events. The aid bottlenecks are all the more surprising given that most Japanese anticipated that their government would

respond quickly. "There are very high expectations of the government here, and civil society is struggling to find its place," says Randy Martin, director of global emergency operations for Mercy Corps, a U.S.-based NGO. "The most important thing is to get the supply chain going again." During other natural disasters that I've covered, by the fourth day after the event, steady streams of local and even international aid usually converged upon the stricken area. This happened even in developing-world countries with far less infrastructure

than Japan has. But in Tohoku, as Japan's northeast is called, aid has trickled in agonizingly slowly, despite the country mobilizing 100,000 soldiers for its relief effort. It took far more than a week after the earthquake, for example, for the region's highways, which are reserved for "emergency vehicles," to be filled with the kind of aid convoys that typically race to disaster scenes. One major aid bottleneck has been Japan's fondness for red tape. "In special times, you have to do things in a special way," says Kensuke Kobayashi, an IBM employee in Tokyo, who has tried to organize relief efforts to Tohoku from the Japanese capital. "But in Japan there is a legal wall that stops everything." Japanese shipping company NYK had offered to provide a container ship for helicopters to land on when ferrying in relief supplies to coastal areas. But the government rejected the offer because the NYK shipmates lacked the proper licenses to help with such work. □





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## Battle to cool Japan plant as food jitters grow

By ERIC TALMADGE  
Associated Press

**FUKUSHIMA, Japan** — Workers at a leaking nuclear plant hooked up power lines to all six of the crippled complex's reactor units Tuesday, but other repercussions from the massive earthquake and tsunami were still rippling

across the nation as economic losses mounted at three of Japan's flagship companies. The progress on the electrical lines at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant was a welcome and significant advance after days of setbacks. With the power lines connected, officials hope to start

up the overheated plant's crucial cooling system that was knocked out during the March 11 tsunami and earthquake that devastated Japan's north-east coast.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. warned that workers still need to check all equipment for damage first before switching the cooling system on to all the reactor units a process that could take days or even weeks.

Late Tuesday night, Tokyo Electric said lights went on in the central control room of Unit 3, but that doesn't mean power had been restored to the cooling system. Officials will wait until sometime to try to power up the water pumps to the unit. Emergency crews also dumped 18 tons of seawater into a nearly boiling storage pool holding spent nuclear fuel, cooling it to 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Japan's nuclear safety agency said. Steam, possibly carrying radioactive elements, had been rising for two days from



Power lines up in progress at Japan nuclear plant

the reactor building, and the move lessens the chances that more radiation will seep into the air.

Added up, the power lines and concerted dousing bring authorities closer to ending a nuclear crisis that has complicated the government's response to the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami that killed an estimated 18,000 people.

Its power supply knocked out by the disasters, the Fukushima complex has leaked radiation that has found its way

into vegetables, raw milk, the water supply and even seawater. Government officials and health experts say the doses are low and not a threat to human health unless the tainted products are consumed in abnormally excessive quantities. The Health Ministry ordered officials in the area of the stricken plant to increase monitoring of seawater and seafood after elevated levels of radioactive iodine and cesium were found in ocean water near the complex. □



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## In Cuba

# Castro says he quit Communist Party post in 2006

By Jeff Franks  
Associated Press

**HAVANA** – Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro said on Tuesday he quit all his official positions when he fell ill in 2006, including head of the ruling Communist Party. His comments in a column published in state-run media appeared aimed at dampening speculation about his future that has preceded a party congress next month.

Even though it was widely known he was not doing the day-to-day job of party leader, he has never publicly resigned the post, as he did the Cuban presidency in February 2008.

"I resigned without hesitation all my state and political positions, even that of First Secretary of the Party, when I got sick and I never tried to exercise them after the proclamation of July 31, 2006," he wrote, referring to a statement disclosing that he had undergone surgery for intestinal bleeding and would cede power temporarily to his younger brother Raul Castro.



Fidel Castro

He never tried to take up his old position even when he had partially recovered, but he said people kept "affectionately" referring to him as party leader.

Castro, 84, suggested in November that he had stepped aside, telling a group of students he had "delegated" all his powers and had not hesitated "in letting go of my positions."

Raul Castro, who officially succeeded his brother as president in February 2008, is said to have taken over the role of party leader and many expect he will keep it at the congress, where a new central com-

mittee for Cuba's only legal political party is slated to be elected.

Raul Castro has spearheaded economic reforms aimed at saving Cuban socialism that are expected to be affirmed by the congress, which starts in mid-April and is the first since 1997.

He has said the congress is likely to be the last for the generation of leaders who have held power since toppling a U.S.-backed dictator in a 1959 revolution.

Fidel Castro led the rebellion from the Sierra Maestra mountains in eastern Cuba and ran the country for 49

years before he was felled by intestinal problems he said nearly killed him.

He transformed the Caribbean island into a communist state at the doorstep of the United States and became a world figure for revolutionary causes. His health problems forced him to stay out of public view for four years before he re-emerged last July.

He maintained a public presence by writing columns for state media and is believed to still play a behind-the-scenes role. □

## In Yemen

# Leader to step down by year's end

By AHMED AL-HAJ  
Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen** – Yemen's embattled U.S.-backed president pledged to step down more than a year early but refused to immediately resign on Tuesday, infuriating tens of thousands of demonstrators demanding his ouster.

The opposition said it would not accept President Ali Abdullah Saleh's offer to resign by year's end in response to nationwide anti-government protests, which have swelled dramatically since security forces opened fatally shot more than 40 demonstrators on Friday.

"The president's statements are just another political maneuver," said chief opposition spokesman Mohammed al-Sabri. "What was acceptable yesterday is not acceptable for us today."

The standoff pushed Yemen closer to open confrontation between the two sides, fueling Western fears that Saleh's 32-year-old regime could be replaced by chaos, or a leadership less likely to cooperate with U.S. military operations against the local branch of al-Qaida.

Anger at Friday's shootings splintered Saleh's remaining support among the country's most powerful institutions, and influential clerics, tribal leaders and military commanders all began calling for his departure. Some of the



Anti-government protestors shout slogans

country's most senior army officials declared their loyalty to the opposition on Monday. Saleh responded with a concession, pledging in a meeting with senior officials, military commanders and tribal leaders on Monday evening that he would step down by the end of the year. He tried to placate demonstrators by promising this month not to run again, or let his son replace him, when his term ends in September 2013.

A presidential spokesman, Ahmed al-Sufi, said Saleh also pledged not to hand power to the military.

The president hardened his position on Tuesday, saying the defection of commanders including his chief military adviser, Maj. Gen. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, was a "mutiny and a coup against constitutional legitimacy."

"Any dissent within the mili-

tary institution will negatively affect the whole nation," Saleh said in a nationally televised warning to a meeting of Yemen's Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. "The nation is far greater than the ambition of individuals who want to seize power."

Protesters massed by the tens of thousands Tuesday afternoon in the downtown Sanaa plaza they have dubbed "Taghyeer," or "Change" square. Crowds ululated, chanted and painted each other's faces in the red, white and black colors of the national flag. Conservative tribesmen bought their wives to the protest, and the women bought their children, all basking in a carnival atmosphere.

"The revolution has crossed its most difficult period," said activist Bashir al-Sid, smiling. "All that remains is the easy part." □

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## Ex-Ukraine president probed in press death

By MARIA DANILOVA  
Associated Press

**KIEV, Ukraine** — Former Ukraine President Leonid Kuchma is to be questioned in a 10-year investigation into the brutal slaying of an investigative journalist renowned for exposing high-level corruption, say prosecutors.

Deputy Prosecutor General Renat Kuzmin said Tuesday that Kuchma is suspected of abusing his office powers by giving orders to Interior Ministry officials that “eventually led to the journalist’s killing.” The ex-president has been banned from leaving Ukraine as part of the probe, he added. The journalist, Heorhiy Gongadze well known for exposing high-level corruption was kidnapped in September 2000 at the age of 31. His headless body was later discovered outside the Ukraine capital, Kiev. Gongadze’s widow, Myroslava, and her two children fled to the United States in 2001 where they received political asylum.

Kuchma has long been accused by his opponents and rights groups of involvement in the slaying based on tape



**Former Ukrainian president Leonid Kuchma**

recordings in which a voice that sounds like his is heard complaining about the journalist and suggesting subordinates “deal” with the problem. The killing sparked months of protests against Kuchma and calls for his resignation. Kuchma has denied the allegations. His office declined to comment on Tuesday’s announcement. The probe represents a new twist in the long-running investigation seen by many as a test of Ukraine’s commitment to the rule of law. Three former police officers were convicted of involvement in the killing and sentenced to lengthy prison terms in 2008. □

*In Egypt*

## Interior Ministry burns as police protest

By DIAA HADID  
Associated Press

**CAIRO** — Fire swept the upper floors of Egypt’s Interior Ministry building on Tuesday as policemen protested outside to demand higher pay. A security official accused demonstrators of starting the blaze in downtown Cairo.

TV footage showed flames climbing the top floors of the building and a huge plume of black smoke filling the sky. Later, firefighters on tall ladders sprayed water to extinguish the fire. One protester denied they had lit the fire and accused those inside of setting it off by burning security files to get rid of evidence of police abuses. Many Egyptians still associate the Interior Ministry’s security forces with the worst excesses of the regime of ousted President Hosni Mubarak. Earlier this month, protesters rallied outside State Security offices across the nation, storming some of them in a search of evidence of human rights violations.

Tuesday’s protest outside the ministry, however, was held by policemen themselves. They want a minimum salary of \$200 a month much more than many get now and other benefits, including im-

proved health care. The mass demonstrations that toppled Mubarak on Feb. 11 have set off frequent protests by laborers, including police officers, seeking to improve their lot. The security official said protesters lit the fire in the building housing in the ministry’s personnel department. It then spread to an adjacent communications building.

One protester who arrived to see fires burning in the two buildings said it couldn’t have been started by the crowd because they had no way of entering the heavily guarded compound. He accused workers inside of burning security files and starting the blaze.

“It is as if light just started to arrive and they want to bring back the darkness,” he said, giving only his first name, Amil, because he feared government retribution.

About 15 central security trucks cordoned off the complex to prevent demonstrators from storming it. It remained unclear how the fire started, though onlookers said it appeared to begin in the six-story building’s middle floors, then spread to the top.

Thousands of people collected in nearby streets to watch as four fire trucks extinguished



**Flames engulf part of Interior Ministry complex**

the blaze. Military police in khaki uniforms and red berets prevented them from approaching the building.

Tuesday’s demonstration also called for the return of former Interior Minister Mahmoud Wagdi, whom Egypt’s military rulers replaced in a Cabinet shake-up this month aimed at removing stalwarts of the Mubarak regime. Wagdi, who held the post for less than a month, was replaced by Maj. Gen. Mansour el-Essawy, a former Cairo security chief who has pledged to restore security and reduce the role of the hated State Security agency. □



# Separate and Unequal



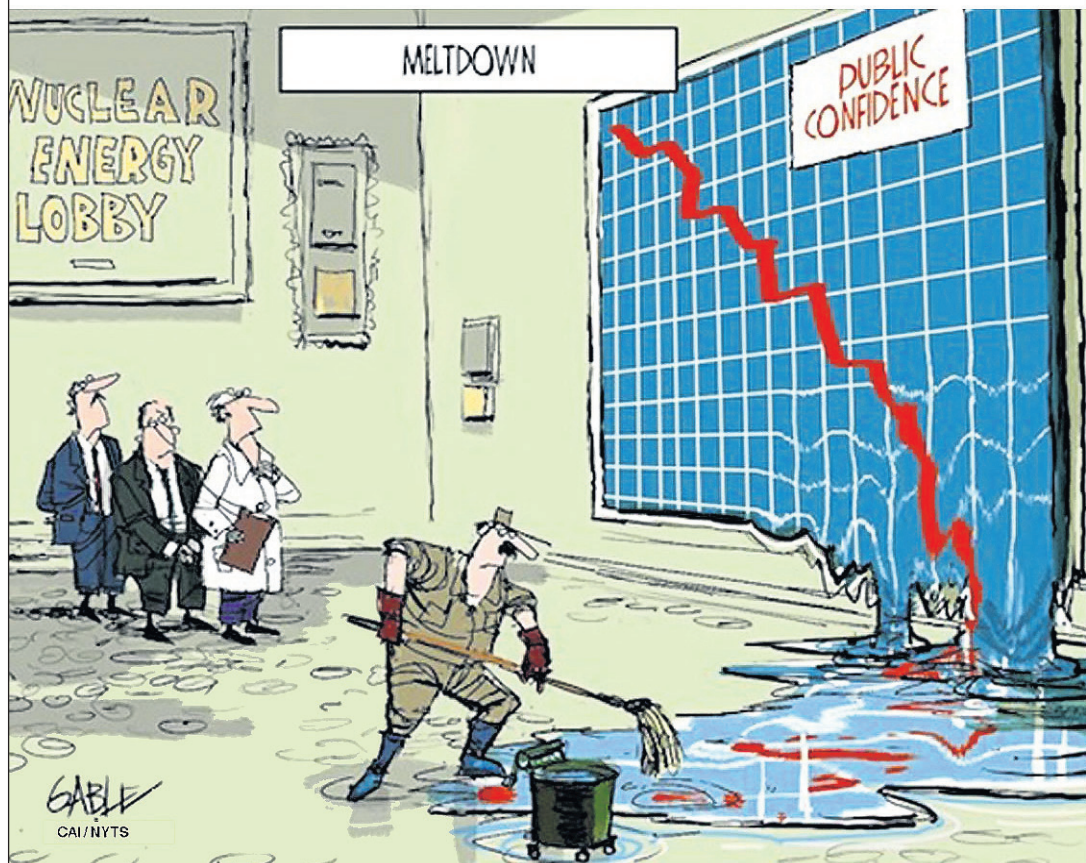
By **BOB HERBERT**

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One of the most powerful tools for improving the educational achievement of poor black and Hispanic public school students is, regrettably, seldom even considered. It has become a political no-no. Educators know that it is very difficult to get consistently good results in schools characterized by high concentrations of poverty. The best teachers tend to avoid such schools. Expectations regarding student achievement are frequently much lower, and there are lower levels of parental involvement. These, of course, are the very schools in which so many black and Hispanic children are enrolled. Breaking up these toxic concentrations of poverty would seem to be a logical and worthy goal. Long years of evidence show that poor kids of all ethnic backgrounds do better academically when they go to school with their more affluent — that is, middle class — peers. But when the poor kids are black or Hispanic, that means racial and ethnic integration in the schools. Despite all the babble about a post-racial America, that has been off the table for a long time. More than a half-century after the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* school desegregation ruling, we are still trying as a country to validate and justify the discredited concept of separate but equal schools — the very idea supposedly overturned by *Brown v. Board* when it declared, “Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.” Schools are no longer legally segregated, but because of residential patterns, housing discrimination, economic

disparities and long-held custom, they most emphatically are in reality. “Ninety-five percent of education reform is about trying to make separate schools for rich and poor work, but there is very little evidence that you can have success when you pack all the low-income students into one particular school,” said Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation who specializes in education issues. The current obsession with firing teachers, attacking unions and creating ever more charter schools has done very little to improve the academic outcomes of poor black and Latino students. Nothing has brought about gains on the scale that is needed. If you really want to improve the education of poor children, you have to get them away from learning environments that are smothered by poverty. This is being done in some places, with impressive results. An important study conducted by the Century Foundation in Montgomery County, Md., showed that low-income students who happened to be enrolled in affluent elementary schools did much better than similarly low-income students in higher-poverty schools in the county. The study, released in October, found that “over a period of five to seven years, children in public housing who attended the school district’s most advantaged schools (as measured by either subsidized lunch status or the district’s own criteria) far outperformed in math and reading those children in public housing who attended the district’s least-advantaged public schools.” Studies have shown that it is not the race of the students that is significant, but rather the improved all-around environment of schools with better teachers, fewer classroom disruptions, pupils who are more engaged academically, parents who are more involved, and so on. The poorer students benefit from the more affluent environment. “It’s a much more effective way of closing the achievement gap,” said Kahlenberg. □

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# The Problem with Partners



By **DAVID BROOKS**

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These days we are all co-religionists in the church of multilateralism. The Iraq war reminded everybody not to embark on an international effort without a broad coalition. Yet today, as an impeccably crafted multilateral force intervenes in Libya, certain old feelings are coming back to the surface. These feelings have been buried since the 1990s, when multilateral efforts failed in Kosovo, Rwanda and Iraq. They concern the structural weaknesses that bedevil multilateral efforts. They remind us that unilateralism may be no walk in the park, but multilateralism has its own characteristic problems, which are showing up already in Libya. First, multilateral efforts are marked by opaque decision-making and

strategic vagueness. It is hard to get leaders from different nations with different values to agree on a common course of action. When diplomats do achieve this, it is usually because they have arrived at artful fudges that allow leaders from different countries to read the same words in a U.N. resolution and understand them in different ways. The negotiation process to arrive at these fudges involves a long chain of secret discussions and it necessarily involves eliding issues that might blow everything up. Sure enough, the decision-making process that led to the Libyan intervention was remarkably opaque. (It is still not clear why the Obama administration flipped from skepticism to resolve.) More important, the nations have not really defined what they hope to achieve. Is the coalition trying to depose Moammar Gadhafi? Are coalition forces trying to halt Gadhafi’s advances or weaken his government? Would the coalition allow Gadhafi to win so long as he didn’t massacre more civilians? Is it trying to create a partitioned Libya? Are we there to help the democratic tide across the region? The members of the coalition

could not agree on answers to any of these questions, so the purpose of the enterprise was left vague. Second, leaders in multilateral efforts often obsess about the diplomatic process and ignore the realities on the ground. The reports describing how the Libyan intervention came about are filled with palace intrigue. They describe the different factions within the Obama administration, the jostling by France and Britain, the efforts to win over the Arab League. It’s not clear who was thinking about the realities in Libya. Who are the rebels we are supporting? How weak is the Gadhafi government? How will Libyans react to a Western bombing campaign? Why should we think a no-fly zone will protect civilians when they never have in the past? In this, as in so many previous multilateral efforts, the process blots out the substance. Diplomats become more interested in serving the global architecture than in engaging the actual facts on the ground. Third, multilateral efforts are retarded and often immobilized by dispersed authority and a complicated decision-making process. They are slow to go. □



# NFL's CBA offer might not stay on table

DeMaurice Smith executive director for the NFL Players Association, talks with the media as he arrives for negotiations with the NFL involving a federal mediator Friday, March 11, 2011 in Washington.

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## Pacquiao's suit against Mayweather going forward

By CRISTINA SILVA  
Associated Press  
LAS VEGAS – Manny Pacquiao's defamation lawsuit against longtime boxing rival Floyd Mayweather Jr. and others rests on firm allegations and can continue, a Nevada federal judge said in a court order Monday that denied a motion to dismiss the case. U.S. District Judge Larry Hicks said Pacquiao has sufficient evidence to continue his lawsuit that alleges Mayweather and others acted with malice by accusing the Filipino boxer in a series of interviews of using performance-enhancing drugs. "Moving defendants argue that Pacquiao has failed to sufficiently allege malice because moving defendants could not have known one way or the other whether Pacquiao had actually taken PEDs when they made the alleged defamatory statements," the order reads. "However, the court finds that Pacquiao has sufficiently pled malice in the amended complaint." Pacquiao claimed in the suit that he has never tested positive for any performance-enhancing drugs, but that Mayweather, Mayweather's father and uncle, Oscar De La Hoya and Golden Boy Promotions' Richard Schaefer embarked on a campaign to make people think he used drugs. "The truth did not stop Mayweather and the others," the suit contends. □



“I DESERVE IT”

*Wozniacki talks about being No.1*

Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, returns a shot to Marion Bartoli, of France, in their final match at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Indian Wells, Calif. Wozniacki won 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

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# No. 1 Wozniacki: 'I deserve to be where I am'

MIAMI (AP)—Caroline Wozniacki is No. 1 without winning a Grand Slam tournament—and she has no problem with that.

"I've won quite a few tournaments the last year and I feel like I'm playing great tennis at the moment," she said during a news conference for the Sony Ericsson Open, which began Tuesday. "I feel I deserve to be where I am."

"I'm 20 and No. 1. A lot of people want to be in my footsteps."

The opening day of the tournament featured 12 women's first-round matches as well as qualifying matches.

American Melanie Oudin moved into the second round with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Julia Goerges of Germany.

Sixteen-year-old American wildcard Madison Keys challenged former top-10 player Patty Schnyder of Switzerland before losing 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (2).

Wozniacki's already won two titles this year: Dubai and Indian Wells. She did, however, fall short at the Australian Open, losing in the semifinals to Li Na of China.

In 2010, Wozniacki won six of her 14 career titles. But her best 2010 Grand Slam result was a U.S. Open semifinal appearance.

Wozniacki's only career Grand Slam final was at the 2009 U.S. Open, where she lost in straight sets to Kim Clijsters.

Clijsters, the Sony Ericsson Open defending champion, also makes a good case for being No. 1 in the world as the reigning champion of the last two majors: the 2010 U.S. Open and 2011 Australian Open.

Clijsters did push Wozniacki out of the No. 1 ranking for the week of Feb. 14, 2011. But Wozniacki returned to top billing the following week and

will remain at No. 1 at least through April 10, 2011.

"For sure, I think Kim deserves to be No. 1 as well," said No. 5 Sam Stosur of Australia. "I can't really say anything except, unfortunately, that's the way the rankings work for the players who don't play as much."

Stosur, however, acknowledges Wozniacki's play the past year has been impressive.

"If she's No. 1 without winning one (a Grand Slam) then that's credit to her for doing well every single week and being ultra consistent," Stosur said.

Clijsters said a shoulder injury that forced her to retire from a fourth-round match against Marion Bartoli of France at Indian Wells is much better. She anticipates no problem attempting to defend her title this week.

For her part, Clijsters wasn't all that interested in debat-



**Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, kisses the trophy after defeating Marion Bartoli, of France, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, to win the women's final of the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., Sunday, March 20, 2011.**

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ing the No. 1 issue. She's been top-ranked for 20 weeks throughout her career.

"To me, it's not something I'm focused on and aiming for," Clijsters said. "I'm happy she

enjoys the whole role because I think when you're number one there's even more things to do.

"Let somebody else do that." □

## Contador, awaiting doping ruling, is 9th in Spain

BANYOLES, Spain – Alberto Contador remained ninth in the overall standings of the Volta of Catalunya on Tuesday, with cycling's governing body close to ruling whether to appeal a decision that cleared him of doping.

Italian veteran Alessandro Petacchi won the second stage. The Lampre rider finished the 105-mile ride from Santa Coloma de Farners to Banyoles in 4 hours, 11 minutes, 8 seconds.

Latvia's Gatis Smukulis of HTC-Highroad leads the overall standings.

Contador, the Tour de France champion, tested positive for clenbuterol but was later cleared of wrongdoing by the Spanish cycling federation. The International Cycling Union will decide by Thursday whether to challenge the decision to the Court of Arbitration.

The World Anti-Doping Agency has three more weeks to decide on an appeal.

Contador is 28 seconds off the lead heading into the 117-mile



**Saxo Bank rider Alberto Contador of Spain is seen before the first stage of the Volta of Catalunya in Lloret de Mar, Spain, Monday, March 21, 2011.**

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mountain stage Wednesday that ends in Andorra.

"I'm happy with these two first stages, I didn't lose time and have not suffered any falls," Contador said. "Tomorrow's stage will be crucial for the overall standings. Everything will depend on the last climb." □

## Taylor gets probation; teen says he deserved jail

By JIM FITZGERALD  
Associated Press

NEW CITY, N.Y. – The teenage girl at the center of the sex-crimes case against football great Lawrence Taylor made a surprise appearance at his sentencing Tuesday, eager to declare that he should be behind bars. She was denied the chance to speak in court, and Taylor was sentenced to six years' probation, as agreed when he pleaded guilty in January to sexual misconduct and patronizing an underage prostitute. The former New York Giants linebacker must register as a sex offender, but a hearing on exactly how that will affect him was postponed to April 12. The girl arrived with celebrity lawyer Gloria Allred, who described her as "a sex-trafficking victim." The girl, now 17, has been identified in court and by Allred only by the initials C.F. Allred stood beside the girl at a news conference but later refused to reveal her name. She would not say whether the girl plans a lawsuit against Taylor but said, "We look forward to representing her as she continues her fight for justice."



**Former New York Giants football star Lawrence Taylor arrives at the Rockland County Courthouse for formal sentencing in New City, N.Y., Tuesday, March 22, 2011.**

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She said Taylor "should be in the hall of shame, not the Hall of Fame." The girl was 16 — under the age of consent — when she met Taylor last May. Speaking outside the Rockland County Courthouse, she denied she was a prostitute and said another man, whom she called Rasheed, forced her to go into Taylor's Montebello hotel room by punching her in the face. She said Taylor should have been able to tell she had been beaten and that she was underage. "I believe Mr. Taylor could see my face

and how young I was," she said.

"I did what he told me to do because I was afraid what would happen if I didn't." She added, her voice breaking, "I am upset that he will not go to jail for what he did to me."

The other man has been identified in a separate federal prosecution in Manhattan as Rasheed Davis, who is accused of acting as the girl's pimp and who allegedly assaulted her and brought her to Taylor's room at the Holiday Inn. □



## NBA Roundup

# Spurs win game but lose Duncan

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs lost Tim Duncan to an ankle sprain, putting a dampener on its 111-96 victory over the Golden State Warriors in the NBA on Monday. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Duncan would be out “a while” but didn’t have a timetable.

The injury looked potentially serious as Duncan lay on his side, clutching his foot with both hands, for more than a minute. The 34-year-old All-Star steadied himself with the help of trainers while limping off the court.

Manu Ginobili scored 28 points for San Antonio while Tony Parker added 17 points and 15 assists.

Ekpe Udoh led Golden State with 15 points. It was Udoh’s foot that Duncan appeared to be trying to avoid while landing awkwardly after hitting a short jumper in the first quarter.

### Celtics 96, Knicks 86

In New York, Boston scored the final 10 points for a spirited victory over New York. The Celtics showed the Knicks they will be tough to beat next month if this was a preview of a first-round playoff series. Boston’s Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 11 rebound while Rajon Rondo added 13 points and 12 rebounds. Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points for the Knicks, but neither he nor Amare Stoudemire had a field goal in the fourth quarter.

Boston (50-19) matched its victory total from last season and remained tied with Chicago for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

### Grizzlies 103, Jazz 85

In Memphis, the hosts downed Utah to maintain their hold on the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Zach Randolph scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead seven Memphis players in double figures. Darrell Arthur scored 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting

from the field.

Paul Millsap led Utah with 15 points.

### Bulls 132, Kings 92

In Chicago, Derrick Rose and Kyle Korver scored 18 points apiece as Chicago routed Sacramento. The win gave the Bulls their first 50-win season since 1997-98 and allowed Chicago to remain tied with Boston atop the Eastern Conference.

Carlos Boozer scored 16 points in his return to the Bulls’ lineup after missing five games with a sprained ankle. He joined a balanced Bulls attack that had eight players scoring in double figures in a game that was not close after the first period.

Marcus Thornton led the Kings with 25 points.

### Nuggets 123, Raptors 90

In Denver, the hosts’ smothering defense forced 23 turnovers, helping Denver smash Toronto. Ty Lawson scored 23 points for the Nuggets, who raced out to a 29-point lead in the second quarter and never looked back, beating the Raptors for the seventh straight time at home.

Denver was without guards Raymond Felton (left ankle) and Arron Afflalo (left ham-



San Antonio Spurs’ Tim Duncan holds his left foot after he sprained his left ankle during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Golden State Warriors, Monday, March 21, 2011, in San Antonio.

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string), but hardly missed a beat. The Nuggets had seven players score in double figures as they improved to 10-4 since the deal that sent Carmelo Anthony to the New York Knicks. Andrea Bargnani had 20 points for the Raptors.

### Magic 97, Cavaliers 86

In Cleveland, Dwight Howard scored 28 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and was too much for Cleveland’s front line to handle in leading Orlando to a win over the Cavaliers.

The Magic built a 15-point lead in the first quarter and were up by 26 late in the third. Cleveland pulled within 92-83 with 3:15 remaining, but Hedo Turkoglu’s 3-pointer put Or-

lando back in control.

Orlando swept all four games against Cleveland, winning the season series for the first time since 2002-03. The teams were heated rivals just a year ago when LeBron James was still with the Cavs, but they’re now at opposite ends of the NBA spectrum.

J.J. Hickson scored 18 for Cleveland, which has dropped three straight.

### Pacers 102, Nets 98

In Newark, New Jersey, Indiana opened a two-game lead in the race for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference by beating New Jersey. Roy Hibbert scored 24 points and Danny Granger had 17 of

his 20 in the second half for the Pacers. Brook Lopez had 20 points to lead the Nets, who saw Sundiata Gaines and Sasha Vujacic miss tying 3-point attempts in the final 15 seconds. New Jersey, which lost its fourth in the row, played without point guard Deron Williams, who missed his second straight game with a wrist injury.

**In other NBA games it was Orlando 97, Cleveland 86; Indiana 102, New Jersey 98; Boston 96, New York 86; Chicago 132, Sacramento 92; Memphis 103, Utah 85; San Antonio 111, Golden State 96; and Denver 123, Toronto 90.** □

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# Will Barry Bonds be convicted or just embarrassed?



Former baseball player Barry Bonds leaves the federal courthouse after the second day of his perjury trial in San Francisco, Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Associated Press

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
AP Sports Columnist

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Barry Bonds trial was barely an hour old, and already jurors were working overtime. Notebooks in hand, they scribbled words like testicular atrophy, heard about female fertility drugs, and were told a bitter ex-mistress and equally bitter former childhood friend of Bonds would soon be taking the stand to help explain it all. Hopefully, one other thing will be explained along the way: After spending more than seven years and millions of dollars chasing Bonds, just what is it the government hopes to gain by convicting him of some relatively minor charges of lying to a grand jury? Judging from opening day of testimony at the federal courthouse not far from the ballpark Bonds built it's this:

If they don't convict Bonds, they sure intend to embarrass the heck out of him. Not a bad idea, actually, if you consider how Bonds embarrassed the game of baseball with superhero-like feats every time he spread some "cream" or "clear" on himself. And Bonds should be embarrassed for not being man enough to tell Greg Anderson to take the stand already and avoid being locked up again as he was Tuesday while Bonds watched impassively from a few feet away. For those keeping score, it's the fourth stint behind bars for Anderson, the trainer the government alleges helped supply Bonds with steroids and human growth hormone. His loyalty to Bonds may be misguided, but he steadfastly refused to testify despite the urging of the judge to take the

stand "so that the whole truth can come out in this trial." That may save Bonds from prison, judging from the cast of characters the government now must pin its hopes on in the absence of Anderson. They range from former mistress Kimberly Bell to Steve Hoskins, the childhood friend and one-time business partner of Bonds, and it didn't take long for the lead defense attorney to paint them as unworthy of belief. Still, they will tell tales that would make anyone squirm, even Bonds. Unlike Anderson, they will talk about his allegedly shrinking body parts, his business dealings and what they believe was his steroid use.

They will certainly provide baseball writers a transcript of transgressions they can use to deny Bonds entry in the Hall of Fame when he is eligible on next year's ballot.

And it will further tarnish the reputation of the surly slugger, who treated fans with such disdain over his long career. But after Bonds' all-star team of lawyers get through with them, they may have so little credibility left that jurors will let him walk. In a case built largely on circumstantial evidence, these are not the people you want explaining the circumstances.

Indeed, if Bonds was worried about possibly going to prison for lying about his steroid use, the opening statements should calm those fears. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Parrella

did a workmanlike job in laying out the prosecution's case, but defense attorney Allen Ruby seemed to captivate the jury when he launched into a folksy defense of his client. "They've tried to create a caricature.

Barry Bonds as a terrible guy, always bad and mean," Ruby said. "Barry's not a caricature. He's a man."

He's also a wealthy man, earning \$192.8 million in his career, so he certainly has money to buy legal talent and lots of it. It's money well spent on a legal dream team of 13 attorneys — one that prosecutors can't hope to match with either talent or firepower.

Put in baseball terms, Bonds' team looks like the 1927 Yankees against the 2011 Pirates. And, unlike the prosecution, they don't have to convince all 12 jurors of anything.

Not that some of those jurors need too much convincing that Bonds is being unfairly targeted.

One man made it on the panel even after expressing anger that Congress spent time investigating steroid use, and saying that Bonds has "probably not (received) a fair trial in the court of public opinion."

Just what the jurors were thinking after both sides laid out their cases is impossible to say. I know what I was thinking — that I couldn't believe how much smaller Bonds is today than he was in 2007 when I followed him as he passed Henry Aaron to become baseball's all-time home

run leader. Circumstantial evidence, sure. Anyone looking at Bonds would think the same thing and Bonds' own lawyer even admitted Bonds took steroids, though he said he did so unknowingly.

But the case is not about taking steroids; it's about lying about it. And, after a series of rulings that excluded evidence leading up to the trial, the prosecution's chances of nailing Bonds looked shaky going in.

That didn't change on the first day of testimony despite the best efforts of lead investigator Jeff Novitzky.

If anything, the playing field seemed tilted even more toward the defense after Novitzky came off as evasive during cross-examination by an aggressive defense attorney late in the day.

Years after beginning their pursuit of Bonds, prosecutors finally have him on trial in the biggest case of the steroid era. In a few weeks they'll know if it was all a colossal waste of time and money or if their tenacity pays off.

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# Goodell: NFL's CBA offer might not stay on table

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Pro Football Writer

**NEW ORLEANS** — Owners haven't talked about using replacement players if the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 stretches on, Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday, and the league might not keep its last contract offer on the table if bargaining doesn't resume soon.

"We have not had any discussions or consideration of replacement players," Goodell said at a news conference closing the annual owners meetings. "It hasn't been discussed, it hasn't been considered, and it's not in our plans."

He also said the Miami Dolphins and four other teams have been fined or been told the NFL is investigating



National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell addresses the media during a news conference at the end of the NFL owners meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, La., Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Associated Press

them for violating offseason rules prohibiting contact with players. Goodell was asked specifically about the Dolphins; he did not reveal

other teams involved.

NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said the violations aren't related to the league's lockout of players, which began March

12, hours after negotiations with the players broke off, and the union dissolved. Even during normal offseasons, from the end of one season until around March 15, NFL rules bar teams from holding organized workouts, practice or meetings, and don't allow position coaches to supervise players.

"It's a 'go home and relax' period," Pash said.

Since the lockout began, no contact between the league's 32 clubs and players has been allowed. Players don't get paid and can't negotiate new contracts; they aren't allowed to use team facilities.

Goodell said he hasn't spoken to NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith since March 11, when talks ended after 16 days of federal mediation.

Owners made a proposal that day that included an increase in their 2011 salary cap offer from \$131 million to \$141 million; the players had been seeking a \$151 million cap for that year, plus a chance to earn a percentage of any higher-than-projected revenues above a certain threshold.

"Every day that goes by," Goodell said, "makes it harder and harder to keep the

elements in that proposal."

Six days after that proposal was made, Goodell outlined some of the specifics in an e-mail sent to all active players.

Some players complained about Goodell's letter, saying it was meant to divide them. They also objected to the letter's suggestion that players push their "union to return to the bargaining table" — the NFLPA renounced its status as a union and says it is now a trade association. That, in turn, permitted players to sue the league in federal court under antitrust laws. A hearing is scheduled for April 6.

Asked Tuesday why he sent that letter, Goodell replied: "What the ownership wanted to make sure is that the players knew what their leadership had walked away from in the mediation process. So we sent that directly to the players. As you know, they're claiming not to be a union, but we think it was important to send that so the players understood what the owners had offered." The NFL hasn't lost games to a work stoppage since 1987, when a strike shortened the season and some games included nonunion replacement players. □

## NHL Roundup

# Penguins blow big lead, beat Wings in shootout

**DETROIT (AP)** — The Pittsburgh Penguins blew a four-goal lead before pulling out a 5-4 victory following a shootout against the Detroit Red Wings in the NHL on Monday. Pascal Dupuis had two goals and an assist to help Pittsburgh build its big lead. Tyler Kennedy put the Penguins ahead 4-0 at 13:16 of the second period, ending Detroit goalie Jimmy Howard's night. Henrik Zetterberg started Detroit's comeback with 2:19 left in the second, Valtteri Filppula had a goal early in the third, and Danny Cleary and Mike Modano scored 2:21 apart midway through the period to make it 4-4. Pittsburgh's James Neal scored the only goal in the shootout, and Brent Johnson stopped 37 shots for the Penguins.

## Kings 2, Flames 1, SO

In Los Angeles, Jonathan Quick made 27 saves, and Anze Kopitar scored the deciding goal of the shootout in Los Angeles' victory over Calgary. Jarret Stoll gave the Kings



Detroit Red Wings goalie Joey MacDonald watches a shot by Pittsburgh Penguins' James Neal go into the net during the shootout in an NHL hockey game Monday, March 21, 2011, in Detroit. Pittsburgh scored the only goal in the shootout and beat the Red Wings 5-4.

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a 1-0 lead with 5:52 left in regulation but the Flames tied it 65 seconds later when Olli Jokinen slipped the puck past

Quick. It was his 16th goal this season and sixth in 21 career games against his former team. □



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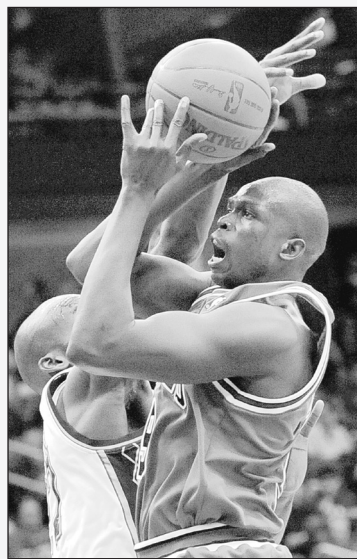
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## U.S. vs. Britain in Olympic basketball

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — The U.S. men's and women's basketball teams will prepare for their Olympic title defenses with warmup games against Britain next year in Manchester. The games announced on Tuesday will take place in July 2012 at the Manchester Evening News Arena. The host British teams were granted automatic spots in the London Games last week by FIBA. The men's squad is led by Chicago Bulls forward Luol Deng and could include Detroit Pistons guard Ben Gordon. The team has qualified for this summer's European championship. The U.S. teams will be made up of players from their reigning Olympic and world championship squads. □



Chicago Bulls' Luol Deng puts up a shot over New Jersey Nets' Johan Petro, left, of France, during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game Thursday, March 17, 2011 in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

## Woods to join 2 big hitters at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods will join two of the longest hitters on the PGA Tour during the first two days at Bay Hill. Woods is in the same group with Gary Woodland and Dustin Johnson at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Both are on the A-list of big hitters. Johnson is No. 2 in driving distance, while Woods is 13th. At the Chevron World Challenge, Johnson teed off on the 11th hole while Woods was on the 17th tee. He watched Johnson pound a tee shot and shook his head. Woodland is No. 8, although he has been hitting more irons off the tee this year. Woodland hit a 337-yard drive uphill on the par-5 fifth hole in winning at Innisbrook last week. The trio tees off at 12:56 p.m. on Thursday. □



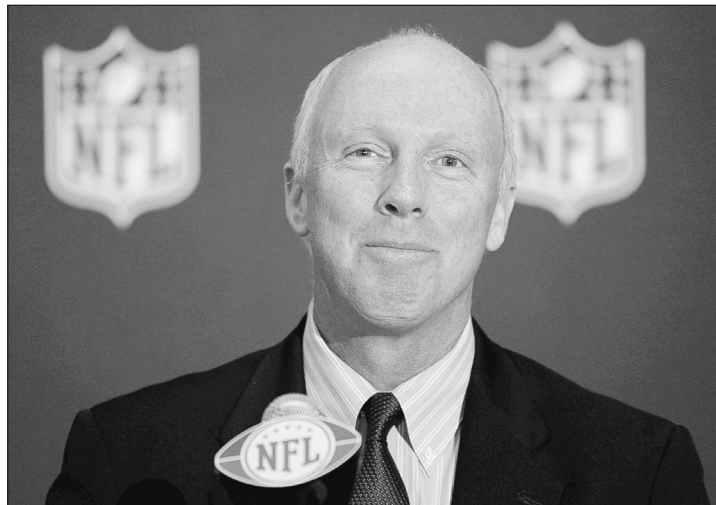
Novak Djokovic of Serbia, wears a bandage on his knee that reads "Support to Japan" on it, at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, March 15, 2011, in Indian Wells, Calif.

Associated Press

## Nadal, Djokovic to play soccer match for Japan

MIAMI — Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal will lead a group of top tennis players in a charity soccer match to benefit the relief effort in Japan. Nadal and Djokovic are in South Florida to compete in the Sony Ericsson Open, which began Tuesday. Andy Murray and David Ferrer are among others planning to play in the soccer match against the Fort Lauderdale Strikers professional team at a Miami high school Wednesday night. A fundraising dinner is planned after the game and proceeds will go to the American Red Cross Japan disaster relief effort. Djokovic won the BNP Paribas Open in California last week while playing with messages written on his knee tape in support of Japan. □

# Kickoffs moved to 35, touchbacks stay at 20



Rich McKay, co-chairman of the NFL competition committee, speaks to reporters about proposed rule changes at the NFL owners meetings, Monday, March 21, 2011, in New Orleans.

Associated Press

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — The NFL will move kickoffs up 5 yards to the 35-yard line, keep touchbacks coming out to the 20 and allow the number of players in a blocking wedge to remain at two. Kick coverage players now will be limited to lining up 5 yards or fewer from the spot of the kickoff. Team owners also voted Tuesday to make all scoring plays reviewable by the replay official and referee. But they tabled a proposal to ban players launching themselves to make a tackle, and will reconsider it in May. The league's competition committee proposed placing the ball at the 25 after touchbacks on kickoffs and banning the wedge altogether. Several coaches expressed concern about making too many changes to kickoffs, also saying bringing touchbacks out 5 more yards would affect field position too much. Coaches worried about an increase in touchbacks from the 16 percent of kickoffs last season. "Any time there's a touchback and now it's not coming to the 20," Saints coach Sean Payton said, "I think that that probably was the most drastic of the four or five items that constituted one rule." Making kickoffs safer was the objective, and Payton believes the owners met it, voting 26-6 for the new rule.

"The bottom line is it's ... the highest risk of injury play," he said. Browns standout returner Joshua Cribbs wasn't thrilled by the changes, tweeting: "Essentially taking returners out of the game... injuries will still take place, then what move it up again, or eliminate it all together." On touchbacks, competition committee chairman Rich McKay said coaches were concerned about an increase in high kicks from the 35 intended to trap returning teams deep and severely decreasing the number of returns. He also said the two-man wedge was not a driving force in the uptick in injuries on kickoffs. Indeed, more injuries occur in coverage than on the return squads. As for the six no votes, McKay said: "The objections were, 'Hey, you're affecting my team.' Clearly, some teams have good kick returners and they said, 'What if there's 10 percent less returns?' "We have no answer," McKay added, "but player safety will always trump any other consideration." Yet the two player safety amendments were tabled until the May league meetings. A proposal to outlaw players launching to make hits was deferred, as was expanding the definition of a defenseless receiver. McKay said joining those two additions to a previous rule caused the tabling. Each

of the proposals will be made into separate amendments before being presented again. "We didn't feel like there was enough support to get it passed," said Giants owner John Mara, a competition committee member. "A number of people seemed to be, in my opinion, more concerned about flags being thrown for questionable hits. My feeling is, I'm more concerned about needless concussions, so I'm willing to make that trade. But I think we need to go back and just clarify some of the language, maybe to make it a little bit more clear for everybody." McKay praised players for avoiding launching themselves during the second part of last season after the league threatened suspensions for illegal and flagrant hits. No suspensions were handed out, but Ray Anderson, the NFL's chief disciplinarian, said they will be in play from the outset of next season.

The replay change passed 30-2, with one modification: The third coach's challenge that the competition committee suggested dropping will be kept. The replay official now can call for the referee to review any scoring play.

Previously, replay officials only could order reviews (on any play) in the final two minutes of each half and in overtime.

Coaches pushed for the change in great part because they felt they didn't get a fair shake in road games.

"It's a real big competitive disadvantage," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "You don't get that look at it on the road that you get at home; they just don't show it."

One proposal was adopted unanimously, giving the commissioner the power to approve or deny requests to change the color of the playing field from green. Falcons owner Arthur Blank said the concern was that sponsors could approach teams and suggest a deal that involved altering a field's color. □





In this March 22, 2011 product image provided by Research In Motion Ltd., the upcoming BlackBerry PlayBook is shown.

Associated Press

## BlackBerry PlayBook starts at \$499

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Research In Motion Ltd. says its tablet computer, the BlackBerry PlayBook, will start selling in the U.S. and Canada on April 19 for \$499 to \$699.

RIM said Tuesday that customers can start pre-ordering the gadgets — its answer to Apple Inc.'s popular iPad devices — through consumer electronics retailer Best Buy. The PlayBook has a 7-inch screen, smaller than the iPad.

It runs BlackBerry software and can connect to a phone, acting as a bigger screen for it. RIM calls it the first “professional-grade tablet.”

The iPad 2, which went on sale earlier this month, also starts at \$499. The \$499 PlayBook comes with 16 gigabytes of memory. For \$599, you get 32 gigabytes and for \$699, 64 gigabytes.

RIM reports fiscal fourth-quarter earnings Thursday. □

## UK to auction off 4G mobile spectrum

**LONDON (AP)** — The British government has announced plans to auction off space in the mobile spectrum for 4G services, laying out a structure that ensures the top four service providers will have significant stakes. The Office of Communications said Tuesday the auction will increase the available mobile spectrum by 75 percent. This will provide more bandwidth to serve smartphones such as iPhone, Google An-

droid and tablet computers.

The auction is expected to be held in the first quarter of next year. To ensure that four wholesale providers — Vodafone, O2, Everything Everywhere and Network Three — remain competitive, the agency said the auction would set minimum and maximum amounts that any bidder could win. The previous auction for 3G services in 2000 raised 22.5 billion pounds (\$36.9 billion). □

## LightSquared gets first phone co. deal

**NEW YORK** — LightSquared, a company building a new wireless broadband network to compete with those of AT&T Inc., Verizon Wireless and Clearwire Corp., announced Tuesday its first phone-company customer, Leap Wireless International Inc.

Leap Wireless, the parent of the Cricket phone service, plans to use LightSquared's fourth-generation, or 4G, net-

work to supplement its own. LightSquared is funded by private-equity firm Harbinger Capital Partners, and it plans to sell wholesale network access to phone companies and any other companies that might want to resell broadband Internet access. It has already announced one other customer: Open Range, a startup Internet service provider focusing on rural areas. □

# Amazon opens app store for Android phones, tablets

By RACHEL METZ

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Amazon.com Inc. is getting into the app-selling arena by opening an online store to distribute software for smartphones and tablet computers running Google Inc.'s Android operating system.

The Amazon Appstore, which was unveiled Tuesday, includes free and paid apps from Android software developers.

The online retailer decided to focus on the market for Android apps because of its rapid growth, said Aaron Rubenson, who is in charge of the Appstore's business operations. Since 2008, a slew of Android-running phones and tablets running Android have been released, and Google's own Android Market app store, which is available on these devices and online, now offers more than 150,000 apps.

As Amazon sees it, this growth can make it hard to discover apps that you like. The company believes its experience helping shoppers

## NY Times expands free search traffic limits

**NEW YORK** — The New York Times will try to make it more difficult to use Internet search engines to avoid paying for frequent visits to the newspaper's website. The Times will limit Web surfers arriving through major search engines to five free articles per day, spokeswoman Kristin Mason confirmed Tuesday. That restriction was only supposed to apply to traffic sent by Google Inc.'s search engine, which processes about two out of every three online queries. Now, other search engines including Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp.'s Bing will be limited to five free stories apiece as well. □



In this product image provided by Verizon Wireless, the HTC Thunderbolt on Verizon 4G LTE, is shown. It runs Google Inc.'s Android software.

Associated Press

find what they want online will translate well — especially since it could use data on what you've bought from Amazon.com in the past to recommend Appstore apps.

Rubenson would not say how many apps the Appstore will include initially, but said there will be a broad selection including note-taking program Evernote and the game Pac-Man. Prices will be competitive when compared with the

Android Market, he said.

The Appstore will also offer such perks as allowing users viewing the site on a computer to test out many apps before buying them and giving visitors a paid app for free each day. The first freebie will be Angry Birds Rio, which is a new version of the popular “Angry Birds” game series that ties in with the upcoming animated movie “Rio.” It normally costs \$1. □

## Apple CEO Steve Jobs to be deposed

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs, who is currently out on medical leave, will be deposed to testify in an antitrust suit related to its iPod music players and iTunes store. In a Monday filing in the U.S. district court for the Northern District of California in San Jose, Magistrate Judge Howard R. Lloyd

ordered Jobs could answer questions for two hours about RealNetworks Inc.'s Harmony technology. This technology was rolled out in 2004 and briefly allowed songs sold by RealNetworks' online music store to be played on iPods, despite Apple's use at the time of encryption technology to prevent this. □





# Carnival 1Q net income falls on higher fuel prices

MIAMI — Higher-than-expected fuel prices pushed Carnival Corp.’s first-quarter profit down 13 percent, but the cruise operator managed to meet Wall Street’s earnings expectations thanks to cutting other costs. But Carnival shares fell 4 percent in midday trading Tuesday as the company behind the Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Carnival Cruise Lines and Costa Cruises brands reduced its full-year earnings guidance to a range below analysts’ expectations. For the period ended Feb.



In this file photo taken June 8, 2010, the Carnival Valor sits in port in George Town, Grand Cayman as small boats take passengers into the town for a day of tours and shops.

Associated Press

28, Carnival reported net income of \$152 million, or 19 cents per share, down from \$175 million, or 22 cents per share, a year ago. Wall Street was already anticipating the results, as the Miami company had provided its quarterly expectations earlier this month. Carnival said its performance benefited from lower than-expected costs that helped offset fuel prices that rose 9 percent. The prior-year period included an unusual benefit of 10 cents per share. Revenue climbed 8 percent to \$3.42 billion from \$3.18 billion on higher ticket prices and passengers spending more on board its ships. Analysts expected revenue of \$3.28 billion. The economic recovery has allowed cruise operators to raise their ticket prices. People are again starting to feel confident enough to spend more on travel at sea, with the recession’s harshest effects beginning to fade for many. First-quarter net revenue yields, which measures the amount a cruise company makes from its passengers after removing expenses, increased 2 percent on a constant dollar basis due to higher prices for Carnival’s European brands. Carnival now expects full-year earnings of \$2.55 to \$2.65 per share. This is a bit better than the earnings forecast of \$2.50 to \$2.60 per share that the company provided earlier this month, as it accounts for lower spot fuel prices since that guidance was given. In December, Carnival said it anticipated earnings of \$2.90 to \$3.10 per share for 2011. Analysts expect earnings of \$2.76 per share for the year. Its stock dropped \$1.63, or 4 percent, to \$39.38 in midday trading. The shares have traded between \$29.68 and \$48.14 over the past year. □



# New homes are becoming a bad deal in weak markets

By DEREK KRAVITZ  
AP Business Writer  
WASHINGTON — A new home, the dream of many would-be buyers, makes less and less financial sense in many places. A wave of foreclosures has driven down the cost of previously occupied homes and made them even more of a comparative bargain. By contrast, new homes have become more expensive. The median price of a new home in the United States is now 48 percent higher than that of a home being resold, more than three times the gap in a healthy housing market. Such a disparity can be a drag on the economy. New homes represent a small fraction of sales, but they cause economic ripples, bringing business to construction and other industries. Sluggish new-home sales deprive the economy of strength. “A lot of people are saying, ‘If I can get a great deal on a home already on the market, why go



In this Feb 20, 2011 photo, a new residential construction is shown in Canonsburg, Pa. New home? Or existing one? For buyers, the decision is getting easier. A wave of foreclosures has sent prices of previously occupied homes sinking. New-home prices have fallen much less.

Associated Press

through the headaches of getting a new home?” says Mark Vitner, a senior economist with Wells Fargo. “There’s a relatively small group of people who have the credit, have the down payment and are secure in their jobs that can go out and buy new.” The gap is widening because prices of previously occupied homes are falling fast, pulled down by waves of foreclosures and short sales. A short sale oc-

homes sell for more and half sell for less — has risen almost 6 percent in the past year to \$230,600, even though last year was the worst for sales in nearly a half-century. Slowed by those higher prices, new-home sales have plummeted over the past year to the lowest level since records began being kept in 1963. The government provides fresh data on new-home sales Wednesday. By contrast, sales of previously occupied homes have fallen almost 3 percent in the past year. Prices have dropped more than 5 percent. In February, the median price for a resale was \$156,100, according to the National Association of Realtors. That adds up to a price difference of \$74,500, or 48 percent, the highest markup in at least a decade. In healthier markets, a new home typically runs about 15 percent more, according to government data.

Home prices and sales still vary sharply among metro areas. Cities with more foreclosures tend to have more resale homes that have languished on the market and are priced at a bargain. That makes new homes in those areas comparatively expensive. In Atlanta, for instance, where foreclosures accounted for one in every 23 homes sold last year, the median price of a previously occupied single-family home was \$109,900, about 12 percent lower than a year ago, according to the Georgia data firm Smart Numbers. The median price of a new home was more than twice that. “That’s as much of a difference as we’ve ever seen,” said Steve Palm, president of Smart Numbers. “New homes can’t compete, and that means jobs.” An average of three jobs and \$90,000 in taxes are created for each home built, according to the National Association of Home Builders. □



In this Feb. 16, 2011 photo, David Castro-Diephouse returns the nozzle to the pump after filling his car’s tank with gas in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

# Oil tops \$105 per barrel

By CHRIS KAHN  
AP Energy Writer  
NEW YORK — Oil prices pushed above \$105 per barrel Tuesday, as traders focused on a series of international crises that could tighten global supplies at a time when consumption is expected to increase. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate for May delivery rose \$1.88 to settle at \$104.97 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. At one point it was as high as \$105.18. In London, Brent crude gained 73 cents to settle at \$115.64 per barrel. Energy economists continued to gauge how recent unrest in Libya, Bahrain, Yemen and Syria will affect exports from a region that produces 27 percent of the world’s oil. Libya, which sits on the largest oil reserves in Africa, has almost totally stopped petroleum shipments as rebels battle pro-Gadhafi troops. The addition of international forces, including the U.S., could mean that the country will be embroiled in a protracted conflict that will keep oil fields offline much longer than previously expected, energy experts said. In Yemen, embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh pledged to step down more than a year early, but his refusal to leave immediately infuriated tens of thousands of demonstrators. Yemen is an important transfer point for global oil supplies. “Tensions are still pretty high in that entire region, so prices are going to stay above \$100 per barrel for a while,” PFG Best analyst Phil Flynn said. Iraq’s new oil minister said Tuesday that

# Airlines whipsawed by costly fuel, Japan disaster

By DAVID KOENIG  
AP Airlines Writer  
DALLAS — Already struggling with high fuel prices, the big U.S. airlines now face a drop in demand for flights to Japan, a lucrative route and gateway for travel to Asia. The airlines’ response: They’re raising fares and eliminating unprofitable flights. Delta Air Lines Inc. said Tuesday it will reduce flying to Japan by up to 20 percent through May because of falling demand as the country recovers from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Delta said the cuts will cost it \$250 million to \$400 million in lost profit. Delta will also reduce flying across the Atlantic and within the United States in the second half of this year. It won’t grow as much as planned in Latin America and the Pacific. American Airlines said Tuesday that it suffered “a

modest decline” in revenue from the disruption of travel to Japan and bad weather at home. Still, American plans to push ahead with its joint venture with Japan Airlines next month. United and Continental announced Monday that they too will slow their plans for adding international flights and make deeper cuts in the U.S. The airlines had hoped to build on 2010, their first profitable year since 2007, by flying more passengers, particularly big-spending corporate travelers buzzing to business hubs such as Tokyo. Instead, they’re being forced to make up for a sharp increase in jet fuel prices — up nearly half since September and about 20 percent since the start of 2011. Delta said Tuesday that at current projected prices, it will spend \$3 billion more on fuel this year than it did in 2010. With fewer flights, the airlines will save money by not burning as much fuel. They are also offsetting

high fuel costs by raising prices on passengers. United and Continental raised fares Monday on most U.S. flights by \$10 per round trip. Delta responded with fare hikes of \$6 to \$14 per round trip. Other airlines stood pat for the moment. If the higher prices stick, they would be the latest in a string of increases — nearly one a week — so far this year. Higher prices have helped Southwest — apparently without driving away passengers. In February, Southwest customers flew 13 percent more than they did a year earlier. “We’ve had six fare increases so far this year. That’s a lot in 90 days,” Southwest CEO Gary C. Kelly said at a JPMorgan conference in New York. “On the other hand, our traffic has held up more than well — it’s been very, very strong.” Fare increases alone won’t solve the airlines’ cost problems, said Delta President Edward Bastian. He



said his airline must save money by reducing flights and grounding 120 gas-guzzling planes, half of them 50-seat jets used on short hops. Delta, the world’s second-largest airline company behind United Continental Holdings Inc., now plans to cut passenger-carrying capacity by 4 percentage points in the second half of this year. It will slash departures at its Memphis hub by 25 percent. Most of Delta’s reduction in flying will fall on Japan. It is suspending flights to Tokyo’s Haneda Airport but promises to restore the service as demand recovers. □

he expects oil to reach \$120 a barrel. Iraq produces about 2.4 million barrels of oil per day. Retail gasoline prices in the U.S. held steady on Tuesday at a national average of \$3.547 per gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. They’re still the highest ever for this time of year. A gallon of regular has jumped 37.9 cents in the last month and is 72.7 cents more expensive than a year ago. OPIS gasoline analyst Fred Rozell said gasoline prices may continue to rise this spring to a national average of \$3.75 per gallon. “With everything happening around the world, we’re not going to see prices fly backward anytime soon,” Rozell said. □



## 'South Park' guys make 'different' Broadway

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — For years, Trey Parker and Matt Stone have lampooned everything, from Scientology to Tiger Woods, Prius drivers to Islam, Britney Spears to the great state of New Jersey.

They've even had the boldness to make fun of George Clooney.

Is nothing sacred?

"That is sacred," says Parker, looking suitably chastised during an interview in a Times Square restaurant after being reminded that he and Stone once dared to call Clooney smug. "We crossed the line there."

Now the twisted minds behind "South Park" are daring to cross another line: They're goofing on the Mormon church in a big, brassy Broadway musical that opens Thursday.

Together with "Avenue Q" writer Robert Lopez, the duo have left behind their foul-mouthed elementary students to tell a story about two young missionaries whose faith is rocked when they come face-to-face with famine, war and AIDS in Africa.

The show, which stars Josh Gad and Andrew Rannells, has foul language, some brilliantly sarcastic songs, references to genital mutilation, plenty of suppressed homosexuality, tap-dancing Mormons, war crimes threatened on an infant, Darth Vader and



a character who repeatedly complains about having maggots in his scrotum.

While the show makes fun of several Broadway shows including "Fela!" and "The Lion King," audience-members at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre may be surprised that Parker and Stone have maintained the structure and feel of a traditional musical.

"We thought from the very beginning that the biggest challenge was to write a real Broadway musical," says Stone. "With unconventional material, sure. But to do unconventional material conventionally."

They've largely succeeded: There's certainly more than a nod in the Mormon musical to Rodgers and Hammerstein, the great musical team and a Parker childhood favorite that also dealt with fresh-faced Americans confronting other cultures in shows such as "South Pacific" or "The King and I." □

*Kimmel on Charlie Sheen:*

## 'My head is still spinning'

By Mark Cina

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Jimmy Kimmel is still recovering after Charlie Sheen's surprise appearance on his late-night ABC talk show Monday night. "We had a very very famous surprise walk-on guest to-night," Kimmel Tweeted. "My head is still spinning..." Sheen popped by ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and gave the host a mug depicting a picture of a Fox. When Kimmel asked, "Why a fox?" Sheen replied, "I'll let you fig-

ure it out, man."

A Fox spokesperson confirms to THR that Sheen, who was recently fired from CBS' "Two and a Half Men," met with Fox's Mike Darnell, president of alternative entertainment; David Hill, president of Fox Sports; and Peter Rice, chairman of entertainment for Fox Networks Group last Thursday. Sheen surprised Kimmel on his show during an interview with Mark Cuban, who appears on ABC's "Shark Tank" and owns the HDNet channel. □

## Chris Brown destroys dressing room

By NEKESA MUMBI

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Chris Brown trashed his dressing room at "Good Morning America" and broke a window with a chair Tuesday after co-host Robin Roberts asked him about his attack on Rihanna, according to a person familiar with the show.

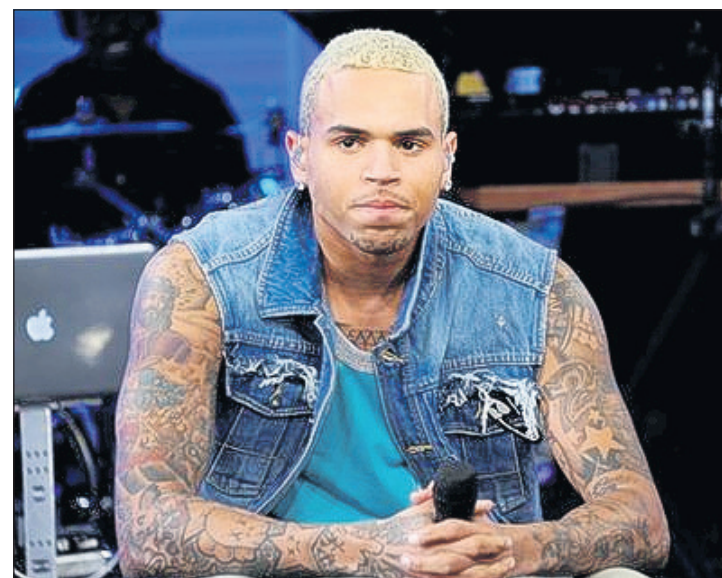
The person was not authorized to discuss the matter and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Security was called, but not police.

Brown was on the ABC morning show Tuesday to promote his new album, "F.A.M.E.," released the same day. During his interview with Roberts, she asked him about the 2009 attack on his then-girlfriend preceding her questions by noting he had been "very good" about talking about the attack.

"It was very serious what you went through and what happened," she said. "How have you been able to"

A clearly agitated Brown tried to deflect the line of questioning, saying he was past that and wanted to focus on his new CD.

"This album is what I want them to talk about and not



Singer Chris Brown

what happened two years ago," he said.

Roberts laughed and thanked Brown for letting her discuss that matter with him, and after the interview, Brown performed.

But instead of performing another song for the online audience, as he was scheduled to do, he went to his dressing room and started smashing things, according to the person.

In a statement, ABC News said: "As always, we ask questions that are relevant and newsworthy, and that's what we did in this interview with Mr. Brown."

Reps for Brown did not im-

mediately return phone calls for comment. Brown is on probation for his assault on Rihanna.

Brown has been trying to rehabilitate his image since the attack, which occurred on the eve of the Grammys two years ago. After that, his once brilliant career was tarnished. His album "Graffiti," released several months after that, was a poor seller.

However, he's recently had success on the charts with the songs "Deuces," a No. 1 R&B hit last year, and "Look At Me Now" is now No. 12 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

He's been more accepted into the mainstream as well. □

## Stars gather for movie launch 'Rio'

By JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO** — Sunny beaches, soccer balls and samba beats: Brazilian director Carlos Saldanha's newest 3-D animation feature, "Rio," is a tribute to his home town's natural beauty and upbeat approach to life.

Saldanha left Rio more than 20 years ago to try his luck as an animator in the United States. After scoring hits such as "Ice Age," the director returned to his roots to tell the story of the rare blue macaw, Blu, who was born in Brazil but raised in frigid Minnesota, where he never learned to fly. In the movie, which opens in Brazil on Tuesday and on April 15 in the United States, Blu travels to Rio de Janeiro after his owners learn that a female blue macaw has been discovered there. Blu, voiced



Members of "Rio, movie" movie team

by Jesse Eisenberg, meets the spunky Jewel, voiced by Anne Hathaway.

Together they escape animal traffickers, get in a brawl with monkeys, and fall in love as Blu learns to fly and rediscovers himself among sweeping views of the city.

"This is a beautiful present

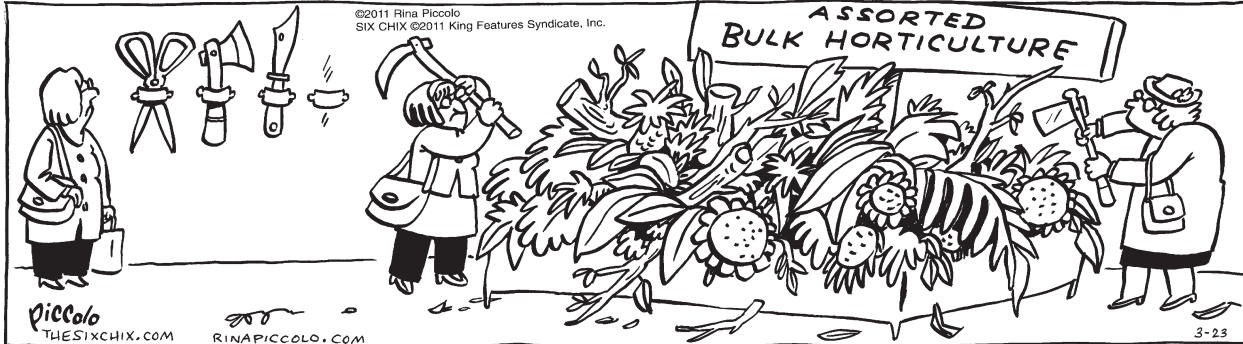
to Rio de Janeiro," said Brazilian singer Bebel Gilberto, who, as the voice of a toucan in the movie, had to sing "The girl from Ipanema" off-key something she says was very difficult. The sound track included will.i.am as well as Brazilian musicians Carlinhos Brown and Sergio Mendes. □



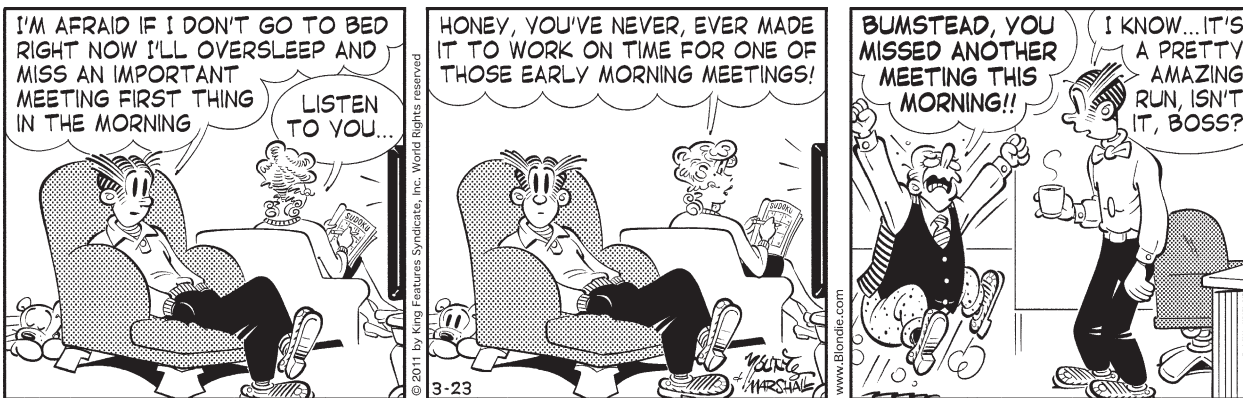
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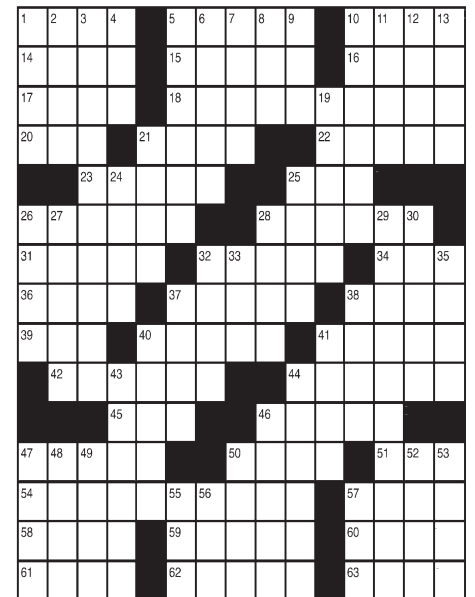
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- 1 Liver secretion
- 5 Colorful parrot
- 10 \_\_\_ out; faint
- 14 Cut of pork
- 15 Wear away
- 16 Actress Paquin
- 17 Was in the red
- 18 Boring
- 20 Greek "T"
- 21 Dwelling
- 22 Groups of hoodlums
- 23 Jeweled crown
- 25 Shade tree
- 26 Agitated state
- 28 Rye and pumpernickel
- 31 Bicyclist \_\_\_
- 32 Floating chunks of ice
- 34 Greek letter
- 36 Nevada's neighbor
- 37 Inner courtyard
- 38 Come to a halt
- 39 Canister
- 40 Explorer \_\_\_ de León
- 41 Exact duplicate
- 42 "Do unto \_\_\_"
- 44 \_\_\_ ground; made progress
- 45 "\_\_\_ you kidding me?"
- 46 Magna \_\_\_
- 47 Island in the Gulf of Naples
- 50 Congressional runner
- 51 Small boy
- 54 Making even
- 57 Carry
- 58 Final bills
- 59 \_\_\_ 6; lodging chain
- 60 Element whose symbol is Fe
- 61 Breaks a fast
- 62 Group that assists a sheriff
- 63 Catch sight of

DOWN

- 1 Smudge
- 2 Des Moines, \_\_\_



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 35 Mimicked
- 37 Skin opening
- 38 Thin cut
- 40 Danger
- 41 Give a hoot
- 43 Pester
- 44 Flock of geese
- 46 Walking sticks
- 47 Relinquish
- 48 Greenish-blue
- 49 Football kick
- 50 Peach stones
- 52 Perched upon
- 53 Opposite of acknowledge
- 55 Mischief maker
- 56 Animal park
- 57 Even score



# Finding Balance through Nature

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Imagine one medicine that could normalize blood pressure by either lowering or raising your body's blood pressure. How great would it be to have a pill that in the morning gets you going, yet taken at night provides sound restful sleep. Imagine a tablet that increases your mental sharpness, yet calms, relaxes and shuts down your racing mind.

Your healthy body has the ability to balance itself while adjusting to changing conditions. An example of this is temperature regulation in a room by a heating or air-conditioning thermostat. In the body, a system controlled by the brain, regulates breathing, metabolic rates, blood-vessel size, and blood-sugar levels in response to changes caused by temperature, hormones, disease and other factors. This ability of the body to find balance is called homeobalance. Without its ability to maintain a balanced body, we become stressed, our resistance falls, sleep eludes us, and we begin an invariable slide into disease. Many people start out with medicine to lower high cholesterol then have to take high blood pressure medicine and then sleeping pills. The average sixty year old is now averaging nine medicines a day. Interestingly, today's pharmaceutical medicines have their history in herbal medicine. More than eighty percent of drugs today are synthetic replicas of the healing parts of medicine plants. Of the many types of medicine, herbs are a unique category of plants we herbal-

ist call adaptogens. The word adaptogen is used by Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) to refer to a treatment like acupuncture, or a natural herb product that increases the body's resistance to stresses such as trauma, anxiety and fatigue. All herbal adaptogens contain antioxidants, but not all antioxidants are adaptogens. Antioxidants help slow damaging oxidation or ageing of cells. To the skepticism of modern medicine, TCM physicians have acupuncture treatments which are adaptogens. For example, the same acupuncture treatment can be used to either raise or lower blood pressure. Similarly, one treatment can be used for anxiety or over-confidence; depression or over-exuberance. You get the picture. An adaptogen treatment or herb helps the body regulate itself. Knowledge of adaptogens dates back thousands of years to ancient India and China. Scientific study began in the 40's when Dr. Nikolai Lazarev defined an adaptogen as an agent that allows the body to counter adverse physical, chemical, or biological stressors by raising resistance toward such stress. Raising resistance to stress allows the organism to "adapt" to the stressful circumstances. Like acupuncture treatments, garlic oil can both raise low blood pressure or lower hypertension, lowering the risks of heart disease. Some people worry about garlic odor. Parsley helps freshen up garlic breath is great for bones and is a mild diuretic for those who need this. We can use green tea

in the morning to energize our start and then again at night to promote restful sleep. Green tea contains vitamin C, E and B complex, making it a great antioxidant that helps block cancer-causing chemicals, and reduces tumors. Green tea has also been shown in studies to increase metabolism and may aid in weight loss. Green tea now comes in capsules for those on the go. What makes green tea work so well is an amino acid in green tea called L-Theanine. Able to cross the blood-brain barrier, theanine has psychoactive properties. Theanine has been shown to reduce mental and physical stress, and improves cognition and mood. The Chinese were first to use licorice to treat the liver since it neutralizes liver toxins. Known to stimulate the production of the cortin hormone useful when the body is under mental and emotional stress, licorice also contains a cortisone-like property that has been found beneficial and nourishing on adrenal glands.

Historically the only drawback of using licorice is that it can increase blood pressure in some people. One of the sugars found in licorice, glycyrrhizin has been reported in some people to increase blood pressure or cause retention of water in the body. Today, quality licorice root supplements remove the glycyrrhizin and it is identified as de-glycyrrhizinated licorice, also known as de-glycyrrhizinated licorice, or commonly referred to as DGL licorice. DGL licorice helps repair the walls of the stomach and intestines

significantly reducing the size of gastric ulcers, reducing the recurrence and hastening healing. In our clinic, DGL has shown to be an effective treatment for duodenal ulcers. Another herb known for adrenal support is Rhodiola root that increases availability of energy during the day, but also reduces stressed feelings. It increases endurance, but also, provides greater mental alertness, and provides deep, restful sleep. This great adaptogen significantly speeds up the recovery process after illness. Individuals that "burn the candle at both ends" have found supplementing with this herb helpful. Perhaps the best known adaptogen and known for its Chinese medicinal qualities is Ginseng root; this immune system stimulant also increases work capacity. Western medicine recognizes that ginseng increases resistance to stress, increases endurance and is especially known as an aphrodisiac that enhances libido and sexual performance in men. There are many qualities and types of ginseng. Since herbs vary, when choosing an herbal supplement, make sure you look for "standardized" on the label, like "Standardized, Full Potency, Korean Ginseng Root." This means that you are sure about how much of the active ingredient you are taking.

Get The Point! Adaptogenic therapy like acupuncture and herbal medicine are unique from other substances. Adaptogens have a normalizing effect on the body and are capable of either toning down



Dr Carlos Viana

the activity of over-active organs or strengthening under-active systems. They are natural substances able to help the body maintain optimal homeostasis or balance. When using these natural adaptogens together, we see amazing results. Could your body, mind or spirit use some balancing? Call to make an appointment. CARLOS VIANA, Ph. D. is an Oriental Medical Doctor (O.M.D.) having studied in Shanghai, China; a Board Cert. Clinical Nutritionist (C.C.N.), a fellow member of the Board Certified Association of Addiction Professionals (C.Ad.), the Chairperson of the Latin American Committee of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT), a Rejuvenating Cell Therapist and specializes in Anti-Aging Medicine, has a weekly radio program, writes and lectures extensively. For information: VIANA NATURAL HEALING CENTER NV, Kibaima 7, Aruba, TEL: 585-1270 FAX: 585-4789, Web Sight: [www.vianaheal.com](http://www.vianaheal.com)

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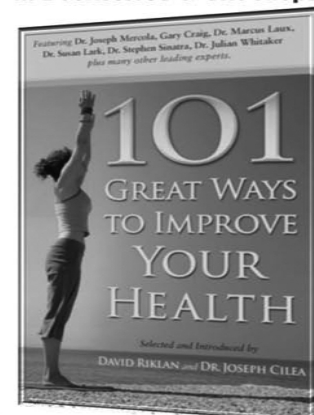
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El Salvador:

# Michelle Obama visita proyecto para la mujer

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)** - La primera dama estadounidense Michelle Obama develó el martes una placa de agradecimiento a Estados Unidos por el equipamiento médico y mobiliario en un centro de protección integral para la mujer salvadoreña.

En medio de rigurosas medidas de seguridad, Obama caminó junto a la primera dama de El Salvador Vanda Pignato por los corredores del edificio Ciudad Mujer, en la población de Lourdes, departamento central de La Libertad, a unos 40 kilómetros al suroeste de la capital. Develaron una placa en la que el mandatario salvadoreño Mauricio Funes y su esposa agradecen a Estados Unidos “por el apoyo brindado”. No se informó del monto de la cooperación.

“Imagine, qué belleza, fuimos conocidos por la guerra, por la pobreza, por la violencia y ahora vamos a ser conocidos orgullosamente por el mejor proyecto de políticas de defensa a los derechos a las mujeres”, dijo Pignato en un breve discurso. La señora

Obama no brindó declaraciones.

En el acto participaron un grupo del personal del proyecto. Ciudad Mujer, es un centro de protección integral y reconocimiento de los derechos de las mujeres salvadoreñas, impulsado por Pignato, encargada de la Secretaría de Inclusión Social. El proyecto pretende extenderse a otros seis departamentos del país.

El programa tiene cuatro ejes principales: equidad de género, enfoque de derechos, abordaje territorial que permite llevar los servicios a las mujeres y la integridad de estos, según la Secretaría de Inclusión Social.

El proyecto pretende ofrecer a unos 162.000 mujeres y sus hijos campesinos, guarderías, unidades de salud, ayuda jurídica, psicológica ante el maltrato o violencia familiar, microcréditos, talleres y cursos de oficios con salida laboral y un templo cristiano para actividades religiosas.

En El Salvador, el sector femenino representa un 52% de la población, que según



La primera dama de El Salvador, Vanda Pignato, a la izquierda, y la primera dama de Estados Unidos, Michelle Obama, a la derecha, se abrazan durante la inauguración ayer de la Ciudad Mujer, un centro de mujeres en San Salvador, El Salvador. (Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

un censo del 2007 ronda al rededor de los 5.744.113 habitantes.

Según la Dirección de Estadística y Censo del ministerio de Economía 5 de cada 10 mujeres forman parte de la población económicamente inactiva, en el caso de los hombres son dos de cada 10.

Según la Secretaria de In-

clusión Social, basado en un informe del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD) en el 2008 un 31% de las mujeres recibieron algún maltrato físico antes de cumplir los 18 años,

el 24% de ellas reportó violencia física y 12% sexual de parte de su pareja. Un 16% de analfabetismo está representado por las mujeres, frente a un 11,6% de los hombres. □

## Descartan cólera en cárceles dominicanas

**SANTO DOMINGO, República Dominicana (AP)** - El ministerio de Salud descartó el martes que brotes de diarrea en dos cárceles dominicanas hayan sido causados por cólera, pues detectó que se trató de casos de salmonelosis.

El viceministro de Salud, José Rodríguez, explicó a la AP que la diarrea entre unos 40 presos en dos cárceles distintas pudo ser causada por algún alimento contaminado con salmonela.

Aseguró que tras ser rehidratados y recibir tratamiento médico durante los últimos días, todos los pacientes están en recuperación. Aclaró que las pruebas de laboratorio dieron negativo a cólera.

La Dirección de Prisiones indicó que durante las últimas dos semanas se reportaron 11 casos de diarrea prolongada en la cárcel de hombres de Najayo, 35 kilómetros al oeste de Santo Domingo.

Pablo Pujols, alcaide de la cárcel de Azua, 125 kilómetros al oeste de la capital, también

reportó que unos 30 reos habían tenido diarrea la semana pasada.

Rodríguez aseguró que algunos de los presos en Azua sólo habían fingido estar enfermos. La diarrea en ambas cárceles provocó la alerta de las autoridades sanitarias que tratan de evitar la propagación del cólera, que ha causado en Dominicana seis muertes, de haitianos, y poco más de 500 contagiados. En el vecino Haití la enfermedad mató 2.700 personas.

El viceministro comentó que como resultado de los casos de diarrea en las cárceles, las autoridades sanitarias instalaron en cada una de las 35 prisiones una sala para atender posibles casos de cólera.

El ministro de salud, Bautista Rojas, anunció que médicos de esa institución y personal de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS) monitorearán las condiciones de los centros penitenciarios, que tienen capacidad para unos 12.000 presos, pero que alojan a 25.000, según la Dirección de Prisiones. □

## Secretario de Fiscal colombiana preocupa a activistas

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** - La Fiscal General Vivianee Morales afirmó que mantendrá el nombramiento de su secretario privado, Andrés Araújo, quien ha sido objetado por ser hijo de un funcionario de la multinacional estadounidense Drummond, acusada de haber tenido nexos con paramilitares. “El doctor Andrés Alfredo Araújo se queda”, recalcó Morales en diálogo telefónico con la AP.

“Contra el doctor Araújo no hay ningún proceso penal”, advirtió la Fiscal, quien, no obstante, dijo que respetaba las quejas de organizaciones activistas porque “ellas tienen derecho a protestar y yo tengo derecho a tomar mis decisiones”. La abogada Dora Arias, del grupo no gubernamental Colectivo de Abogados, que lleva el caso de los familiares de tres sindicalistas de Drummond asesinados, dijo que “para nosotros eso es muy claro (la influencia del papá sobre el secretario privado), porque si algo ha demostrado la historia jurídica en Colombia es que la sola existencia de normas no es suficiente para limitar la acción delincriminal, no es suficiente para impedir el ‘tráfico de influencias’”.

La abogada Arias, en diálogo telefónico, manifestó su preocupación sobre Araújo, de 25 años de edad, por considerar que en su función de secretario privado, que lleva la agenda de la Fiscal General, transmita a su padre datos importantes de ese despacho o influya en frenar investigaciones en el caso de la Drummond.

La abogada agregó que buscan hablar con la Fiscal y “manifestarle personalmente estas preocupaciones”. □



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